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COUNCIL 'FAILING' OVER GREEN BELT

BY DOUG WOOTTON

CANNOCK Chase Council has been accused of failing to protect the countryside.

It follows new research into housing targets by the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE).

The authority featured in the bottom 10 areas in the UK which have not reduced their housing targets, despite having large portions of protected countryside.

Cannock Chase was among the authorities accepting higher housing targets and allowing developers to build on environmentally valuable land, according to the CPRE, which found that some councils were failing to apply planning guidance that is designed to protect precious countryside.

Local authorities are expected by government to establish and have a plan to meet an Objectively Assessed Need (OAN) for housing in their area, which takes into account issues such as projected population growth and future employment opportunities.

Yet planning rules also state this number should take into account constraints such as protected countryside.

In Cannock Chase, 64 per cent of the land is defined as green belt or an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The Government's OAN found the area needed 228 new houses per year, whereas the council instead planned for 241.

Defined

This was for a period planned from 2006 to 2028, totalling 286 unnecessary homes, according to government guidelines.

Another council in the bottom 10 was Wyre Forest, where 65 per cent of the land is defined as green belt or an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The Government's OAN found the area needed 258 new houses per year, whereas the council instead planned for 254.

This was for a period planned from 2016 – 2032, totalling 64 unnecessary homes according to government guidelines.

Paul Miner, CPRE's planning campaign manager, said: "Government planning rules state that councils should reduce their numbers if faced with significant constraints.

"We need to build more genuinely affordable homes. But current rules promote urban sprawl and cause the unnecessary loss of countryside."

No-one at Cannock Chase Council was available to comment.

Meanwhile, a protest group delivered thousands of signatures objecting to plans to build 250 houses on green belt land near Highfields Road, Burntwood.

The Burntwood and Hammerwich Action Group (BHAG) is urging Lichfield District Council to favour plans to build on brownfield sites in the area instead.

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CROWDS MAKE WOOL FESTIVAL KNIT TOGETHER

A woolly jumper for sheep, made by St Michael's First School in Penkridge, is checked out by the real thing watched by Charlotte Eglington

A FESTIVAL celebrating all things woolly proved a hit, with visitors queuing up to get in.

Wool @ J13 at Lower Drayton Farm, near Penkridge, featured a huge variety of attractions, from exhibitors and workshops to music and street food.

Show organiser and wool artist Ingrid Wagner said she was delighted with how well it had gone. "It went really, really well and we are so pleasantly surprised," she said.

"It has just been wonderful. There were queues on Saturday morning and there were visitors after visitors coming on the trailer which brought people from the car park."

Ingrid and Val James joined forces to put on Wool@J13 with the aim of celebrating and teaching about all things woolly through its exhibitors, workshops and talks.

A visual artist and textile designer with a background in film and theatre, Ingrid started her own interiors business in 2005.

Val runs the 600-acre beef and arable farm at Lower Drayton.

Ingrid said a particular hit over the weekend had been needle felting, which is when a sharp needle is used to turn wool into 3D objects.

It uses a very sharp needle with barbed blades, which agitates the wool.

By gradually defining the shape through needling, detailed 3D structures, such as animals, can be created entirely from wool fibres.

Needle felting is an alternative to the traditional process, wet felting, which requires wool, hot water and soap.

Ingrid added: "It is a bit like when you wash your hair with conditioner and then comb it through and it is untangled."

TRAGEDY

Coroner to announce date of Evha inquest

AN inquest into the death of an 11-year-old girl who fell in the water at Drayton Manor is set to be held in Cannock.

Evha

It has been confirmed the case of Evha Jannath, from Leicestershire, falls under the jurisdiction of South Staffordshire Coroner Andrew Haigh, who predominantly sits at the court in Beech Tree Lane.

An officer said he will make a decision on the opening date after reading the findings of a post-mortem.

Evha died on Tuesday, May 9, after falling off the Splash Canyon water rapids ride at the Tamworth theme park.

RETAIL

Indoor market set for relaunch day

SHOPPERS are being urged to go along to the relaunch event at Cannock Indoor Market Hall tomorrow (Friday) between 9am and 5pm.

As well as increased trading hours, changes include the old Hallmark shop being turned into a new entrance, four new stalls, and moving the main office.

Activities tomorrow include live music from Natasha Marie, The Owl Experience, and free goody bags for shoppers. For more information about the event, contact 01543 464588.

POLITICS

Candidate cleared on spending claim

AMANDA Milling has been cleared of any wrongdoing over her 2015 General Election expenses.

The Conservative candidate for Cannock Chase was one of 14 Tory hopefuls investigated by police over possible breaches in election spending rules.

The Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) said there would be no charges and there was no public interest in any prosecution.

Nick Vamos, head of special crime, said there was insufficient evidence to prove that any candidate or agent had acted dishonestly.

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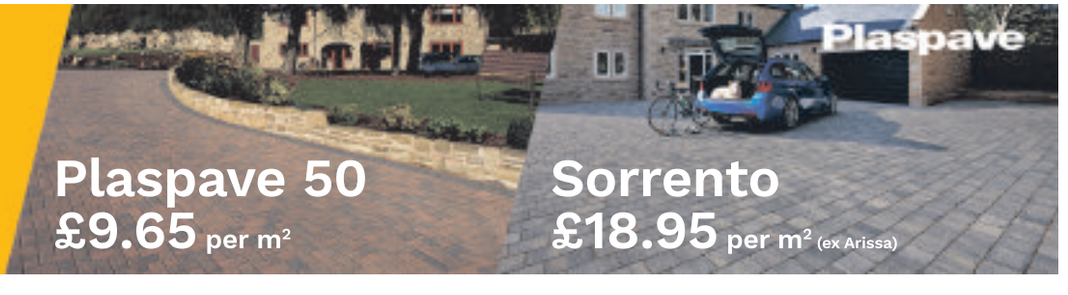

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Patients' big thank you as GP retires

Dr Stephen Gibbins

PATIENTS and staff at a Cannock Chase practice have wished a fond farewell to one of the area's leading GPs.

Dr Stephen Gibbins, from the Moss Street Surgery in Chadsmoor, is hanging up his stethoscope to retire after 30 years' service.

After starting work as a GP in Chadsmoor in 1987 he then set up Moss Street Surgery in purpose-built premises in 1990.

By 1995 Moss Street was a three-doctor practice and under Dr Gibbins's guidance the list has risen from 2,000 to 5,000 registered patients. Between 2003 and 2008, Moss Street Surgery was a teaching practice supporting GPs of the future.

Dr Gibbins was the lead trainer throughout that period. He has also been the practice's clinical lead for respiratory conditions, diabetes, coronary heart disease and minor surgery.

Dr Gibbins retired from the practice at the end of April.

Many patients signed a farewell card for him to show their appreciation for the care and support he has given to them, and many other patients during the last 30 years. Clive Cropper, practice manager at Moss Street Surgery, said: "Moss Street Surgery has a reputation for being one of the most up-to-date, forward thinking and clinically professional practices in the area, and Dr Gibbins must take a great deal of credit for that.

"We are sorry to see Dr Gibbins go but wish him well in his new ventures of taking things easy.

"I'm sure he will enjoy having the time to pursue his hobbies of woodworking, walking and cycling long distances.

"His golf game may also improve . . . but that remains to be seen!"

Rivals 'disappointed' as town without a college

TWO election rivals have spoken of their disappointment at the imminent closure of South Staffordshire College's Cannock campus.

Conservative Amanda Milling and Labour's Paul Dadge, who are vying to win the Cannock Chase constituency on June 8, have met with college representatives in the wake of last week's announcement.

The college has revealed it will close its Cannock campus and move the courses it offers, including music and hairdressing, to its other campuses in Staffordshire because of financial restraints. The closure of the campus in July means Cannock Chase will be left without any further education facilities for the first time since the 1930s.

Tube bombing hero Mr Dadge said: "Obviously it is disappointing news that a college that has been part of Cannock for many years is now going to leave the town.

"It is incredibly disappointing for not only the students but for Cannock, the campus has become a focal point of the town centre and that is going to be lost."

Start

Amanda Milling, who won the seat in 2015, said: "I am extremely disappointed that South Staffordshire College has announced it is closing the Cannock campus.

"Cannock Chase needs a local further education presence to ensure that the younger generation can get a good education and the best start in life."

● Labour is looking to turn Staffordshire red next month as its team of candidates is finalised for the General Election. The party will be contesting seats all across the region, including Cannock Chase, Lichfield, South Staffordshire, Stafford and Stone.

The outcry over Stafford's County Hospital, which has lost its children's A&E, is one of the key campaign issues. Conservative candidate Jeremy Lefroy currently holds a majority of around 10,000 in Stafford. The man going up against him is David Williams, who works as a director at YMCA North Staffordshire.

Government Chief Whip Gavin Williamson has a majority of more than 20,000 in South Staffordshire. Adam Freeman, 24, will be the Labour candidate taking him on. Chris Worsey will stand for Labour against Lichfield's Tory MP Michael Fabricant.

Bikes hit road for Stephen Ride Out

Stephen Sutton's mother Jane in front of the bikes gathered for the 2017 Ride Out

HUNDREDS of bikers took to Staffordshire's roads in honour of inspirational teenager Stephen Sutton.

Sunday's event was the fifth such Ride Out and saw a huge convoy of bikes, scooters and classic cars travel 27 miles from Lichfield Rugby Club to Burntwood Rugby Club. It took place three years to the day after Stephen passed away, raising money for the Teenage Cancer Trust.

The Burntwood teenager made global headlines after compiling a bucket list of things he wanted to do before he died after being diagnosed with terminal cancer.

Stephen's mother Jane sat on the Ride Out's lead bike and admitted she was delighted to see familiar faces returning to take part.

She said: "It is amazing that people still want to do it. You think that perhaps numbers will start to dwindle but they don't.

"So many people were inspired by Stephen and are supportive of his story. If anything, the number of events which take place across the year is going up. The Ride Out has a real buzz to it, and every year it is getting bigger. First it was bikes, now there are classic cars, some VW vans and scooters too."

Over the past four years the Ride Out event alone has raised £34,500.

Colin Jacques, who organises the event with his wife Elle, said: "People felt quite strongly towards Stephen while he was ill as someone who had no power over his destiny but who had done things they could not dream of. That is what draws people back year after year."

Meeting to put schools funding in spotlight

A PUBLIC meeting will be held in Cannock today (Thursday) to discuss schools funding.

The meeting at St Mary's Primary School, in Hunter Road, has been called by the National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT).

Representatives from the union will be joined by other two other education unions – the NUT and GMB – which are also part of the School Cuts coalition.

Parents, staff, governors, headteachers and union representatives are invited to attend.

The NAHT says schools across the Staffordshire local education authority area are set to lose £39,305,972 from their budgets by 2020 equating to a cut of £368 per pupil or the equivalent of 1,055 teachers, based on an average teacher's salary.

Russell Hobby, general secretary of NAHT, said: "The Government expects schools to make £3bn of savings by 2020.

"These reductions put the stability of the whole education system at risk, and we call on all political parties to commit to addressing this shortfall.

"To fund education fully and fairly, the next government must reverse the real-terms cuts that schools are facing and provide enough money to make the new national funding formula a success," Mr Hobby added.

Today's meeting will be held from 6.30pm to 8pm.

All Cannock Chase constituency candidates for the General Election have been invited to the event.

Four arrests in drugs crackdown

THREE men and a teenager were arrested in Hednesford on suspicion of drugs offences.

Two men, aged 22, one 18-year-old and another aged 17 were detained at 2.15pm in Victoria Street following a vehicle stop and search last Wednesday.

They were arrested on suspicious of possession of class A drugs – including heroin and cocaine – with intent to supply and have been released pending further investigation.

The 17-year-old driver has been charged with driving with no insurance.

The arrests were part of Operation Nemesis, which focuses on protecting the vulnerable and tackling drug crime in communities.

All four men were from the Birmingham area.

Choir in evening to suit all tastes

CANNOCK Chase Orpheus Male Choir are at St Peter's Church, Hednesford, on Saturday at 7.30pm.

The 'evening of music to suit all tastes' will also feature soloist Sharron Burns Admission is £6 including refreshments.

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Relatives of Storm Doris victim make safety plea

THE family of a woman killed by flying debris from a shopping centre during Storm Doris has demanded to know what safety measures were in place for severe weather warnings.

Tahnie Martin was struck by a two-metre wide water tank cover that had been blown from the roof of the Mander Centre in Wolverhampton as she walked along Dudley Street on February 23.

Tahnie Martin

A full inquest into the death of the 29-year-old, from Stafford, has been arranged for October 2.

Speaking at a preliminary hearing, Tanya Robinson, representing Miss Martin's family, said: "It seems to us weather warnings were clearly issued prior to the day. The family want to understand what systems were in place to receive those warnings and respond to them."

The full inquest had been pencilled in for July but the hearing was told that a Wolverhampton City Council investigation into maintenance records concerning the various roofs of the Mander Centre was still ongoing.

Bernard Thorogood, representing the council, said: "We are still undertaking a very detailed investigation, which will not be completed until the end of July. My current understanding is that there was no work record maintenance schedule in place for the structures on the day."

A further preliminary hearing is scheduled to take place on July 25.

Advice session on dementia

A CAMPAIGN to tackle the stigma and lack of understanding around dementia is coming to North Canes today (Thursday).

A free Dementia Friends information session is being held at Trinity Methodist Church in Poplar Street.

The session is being held by parish councillor Sheila Harding, who said: "I signed up to be a Dementia Friends champion because I am involved with several groups in our village and have become aware that there is a need for more understanding and awareness.

"I attended a training course, receive ongoing support, and I'm now proud to be part of a growing network of people creating dementia friendly communities together."

The one-hour session is at midday.

Ukulele players in church show

THE Ukulele Orchestra is in concert at St Paul's Methodist/United Reformed Church, Lichfield Street, Rugeley, tomorrow (Friday) at 7.30pm.

Admission is £4 including light refreshments. Call 01889 586875.

Mining memorial names go on record

Mike Mellor at the dedication service

HUNDREDS of names have been recorded for a book that was published to tie in with the Hednesford Mining Memorial dedication service.

An insert for the book 'A Lasting Tribute' was produced at the time, containing 500 names inscribed on the bricks that made up the fourth and final phase of the memorial.

Many people collected their copy on the day, but for those unable to pick one up, Hednesford Library and the Museum of Cannock Chase have agreed to make copies available.

People travelled from all parts of the country, joining with hundreds who live more locally, for the service organised by Chase Arts for Public Spaces (CHAPS) to recognise the contribution made to the area by those who worked in the mines.

CHAPS president Mike Mellor, who first proposed the idea of named bricks and who has overseen all four phases of the project, gave the final words of thanks. He told the crowd how the had made him feel both humble and proud.

Mr Mellor added that it is comforting to know that the 4,034 named bricks within the memorial are to be looked after and cared for by local councils and by the Heart of Hednesford group. "The memorial belongs to us all and is a symbol of our respect for the mining community," he said.

"It ensures that the mining heritage of our area and the people who worked at the collieries of the Cannock Chase Coalfield will always be remembered. It is indeed A Lasting Tribute."

Further information about projects carried out by CHAPS can be found at www.chaseartsforpublicspaces.co.uk

Keen reader stole 300 books over five years

AN 'avid reader' stole around 300 library books across five years as a 'form of escapism', a court heard.

Tracy Whittaker, aged 38, of Johns Lane, Great Wyrley, borrowed the books worth more than £2,000 from various Staffordshire libraries between January 2012 and April 2017.

She would remove the security tags from the books and then go back to the libraries and scan them in to make it look as if they had been returned, Cannock Magistrates Court was told.

But there was no happy ending for Whittaker as upon her arrest 'piles' of books were recovered from her house. And the prosecution said the full extent of her crime may never be revealed.

Tracy Whittaker

Emma Thompson, prosecuting, said: "There was some sophisticated planning involved in this case over a long period of time.

"When she was arrested a large quantity of books were recovered and the estimated value is around £2,000 to £3,000. She made a full and frank admission to being an avid reader, who joined lots of different libraries and built up debts so would move to another library. Piles of books were recovered but I don't think we will find out the full extent. Around 163 books were taken from her property."

Whittaker pleaded guilty to theft including theft by finding. The court heard that she had one previous conviction for fraud, involving cashing in £11,000 worth of scratchcards in December 2011. A probation report stated that she had a history of depression and anxiety alongside relationship difficulties.

It was believed that the books were by particular authors in sets, that she enjoyed reading and they were a form of escapism.

Mark Holder, defending, said: "It is fair to say that the evidence in this case has come from the defendant herself.

"She knows that what she did was wrong and this is a lady who is crying out for assistance from the probation service."

Whittaker was given an 18-week prison sentence suspended for 12 months, with a 25-day rehabilitation activity requirement, and ordered to pay £145 costs and a £115 victim surcharge.

From left, Ella Crowley, aged 11, Wayne Roberts and Malcolm Mawley with some of the scores of runners and walkers at Chasewater

RBL the winner in beauty spot run

MORE than 100 runners and walkers made their way around Chasewater reservoir in aid of the Royal British Legion (RBL).

The event on Sunday was the fourth Poppy Run held at the beauty spot with around £3,000 raised from previous outings. Participants, who are invited to walk or run either one lap or two, were sent on their way by veteran Wayne Roberts.

The 43-year-old, of Cannock, served with The Life Guards in the 1990s and was helped by the RBL upon leaving the Army.

He now organises the charity's Poppy Appeal in Wolverhampton.

Among those taking part were young footballers from Burntwood Dragons FC. Ten of the under-11 side took part.

The team's manager, Steve Parton, 35, said: "It is the end of our season now so this is a bit of fun."

Organiser Alison Bates said money is raised through entry fees, sponsorship and donations.

She said: "The numbers we have had has grown each year. Anyone can take part, it is not too difficult."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Moped rider is taken to hospital

A MAN was taken to hospital after falling off his moped in Hednesford.

The incident happened just before 1pm on Friday near the junction of Pye Green Road and Rosehill. The rider suffered leg injuries and was taken to County Hospital, Stafford.

A West Midlands Ambulance Service spokesman said: "We were called at 12.53pm to the junction of Pye Green Road and Rosehill to reports that a patient a man in his 50s, had fallen from his scooter."

Staffordshire Police were called but officers did not go out to the scene.

Councillor chosen as Green candidate

THE Green Party in Cannock Chase has chosen Paul Woodhead as its candidate to contest the General Election.

It is the second time the Hednesford South councillor on Cannock Chase Council has been nominated to fight a parliamentary seat.

Earlier this month he stood, unsuccessfully, for a seat on Staffordshire County Council.

Aside from running his own business, he was involved in bringing the market back to Hednesford town centre. He has elected as a District Councillor in 2016.

Man charged over fires at common

A 51-YEAR-OLD man has been charged in connection with a spate of fires at Gentleshaw Common in recent weeks.

Gary Ball, of Sandown Close, Burntwood, is accused of 10 counts of arson.

He will appear at Stafford Crown Court next month.

Most of the charges relate to alleged incidents in April.

Gentleshaw Common is a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest.

Man suffers injuries punching pub window

A DRUNKEN man suffered a cut to his wrist when he punched a pub window after being ejected.

The incident happened at the Horse and Jockey in Market Street, Penkridge, last Wednesday night.

Police said officers took him to Royal Stoke University Hospital needing 'urgent medical attention' after they received reports of a man throwing bottles at the window. He had been drinking in the pub but was asked to leave due to the amount he had drunk.

Talk on Victorian era

CHESLYN Hay & District Local History Society will welcome Linzi Cooke to its meeting on Thursday, May 25. She will give a talk on 'Perceptions of prostitution in Victorian Lichfield'. The meeting at the Salem, in High Street, Cheslyn Hay, starts at 7.30pm. Admission £1 including refreshments.

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COUNTY NEWS

Burial costs second highest in country

CREMATION and burial fees are rising in the West Midlands – making it the second most expensive region to be buried in the country, according to new research.

Cremation fees have gone up an average 5.5 per cent in the region to £752, and burial fees have risen 7.8 per cent to an average £2,245. The UK average is £753 for a cremation and £1,792 for a burial.

The figures, from a study by Funeralbooker, reveal the West Midlands is the second most expensive place to be buried, with London first.

Stand-up Bill will be back in Brum

COMEDIAN and musician Bill Bailey will return to Birmingham next year.

The star is best known for his stand-up and songs, as well as his roles in Black Books and Never Mind The Buzzcocks. Bill, now aged 53, will be at the Barclaycard Arena on June 2, 2018.

Tickets for the show start from £31.84 and go on sale on Friday at 10am. They are available from the Ticket Factory on www.theticketfactory.com or by calling 0844 3388222.

For more details go to the comic's own website, www.billbailey.co.uk

Feel good film on at town hall

A SPECIAL screening of a film which tells of an unlikely friendship is taking place later this month.

The Friends of Bilston Town Hall group is showing A Street Cat Named Bob on May 22 at 1.30pm at the town hall, in Church Street, Bilston.

Doors open at 1pm and tickets cost £3.50. Tickets can be purchased in advance from the town hall reception or reserved by calling 07855 817 596.

For more information, visit www.friendsofbilstontownhall.co.uk.

Prof says asthma not taken seriously

RISKS associated with asthma need to be taken more seriously in the West Midlands, experts have warned. Health chiefs at the trust, which runs Sandwell Hospital, said asthma was a 'big issue' throughout the region.

Professor Kate Thomas, from the University of Birmingham, who was a guest at the latest Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust board meeting, said: "It's about understanding that asthma actually is a risky disease."

Children let down

SEVEN out of 10 children with serious mental health problems are being treated outside their home area, according to NHS figures.

Around 69 per cent of young patients were admitted to hospitals away from their local region in 2016/17, up from 57 per cent the year before.

Rise in breakdowns caused by potholes

POTHOLE-RELATED breakdowns surged in the first three months of 2017, new figures show.

The RAC said the condition of local roads was on a knife-edge and one season of cold and wet weather could make it worse than ever.

It dealt with more than 6,500 breakdowns between January and March likely to be attributable to poor road surfaces, an increase of 63 per cent on the same period last year. This included broken suspension springs, damaged shock absorbers and distorted wheels.

The last time the firm recorded as many pothole-related defects was in the first quarter of 2015.

It described the figures as a major concern because it expected the mild and comparatively dry winter to lead to a reduction in incidents.

RAC chief engineer David Bizley said: "Our figures sadly show a surprising and unwelcome first quarter rise in the number of breakdowns where the poor quality of the road surface was a major factor. We had expected a figure no worse than that recorded in the first quarter of 2016 (4,026) and it is very concerning that the roads, strangely, appear to have deteriorated."

A recent Alarm study by the Ashphalt Industry Alliance found that local authorities need more than £12 billion of funding to bring the road network up to scratch. The gap between the amount councils say they received in the last year and what they require to keep roads in reasonable order is almost £730 million.

Mr Bizley added: "We still have a long way to go to ensure the whole road network – not just our major roads which are enjoying one of the largest investment programmes in a generation – are really fit for purpose.

"Certainly anyone that has experienced a breakdown as a result of hitting a pothole will know just how frustrating that can be, not to say dangerous and expensive if vehicle damage is sustained.

"The backlog in preventative maintenance reported by the Alarm survey suggests we are on a knife-edge and it will only take one season of poor weather to take us back to where we were a few years ago."

The Local Government Association, which represents more than 370 councils in England and Wales, say councils fix a pothole every 19 seconds, amounting to 1.75 million per year.

Ambulances diverted as cyber attack hits NHS

By Carl Jackson

PATIENTS were told to avoid attending A&E at Stafford's County Hospital unless they had a serious or life-threatening condition after Friday's cyber attack.

IT systems at more than a dozen organisations were affected by a ransomware attack which used malware called Wanna Decryptor.

It prompted ambulances to be diverted away from a number hospitals in the country. Bosses at County Hospital declared they had not been directly targeted but nevertheless they called on patients to avoid Weston Road as a 'precaution'. They also expressed the same plea concerning another of their hospitals, Royal Stoke.

A statement from University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) said: "the Trust is asking the public not to attend A&E unless they have a serious or life-threatening illness or injury during this disruption.

Efforts

"Due to an ongoing national issue, within the NHS, certain IT services within UHNM are currently unavailable. This is having a minimal impact on clinical services, and staff and partners will be kept fully informed throughout this disruption."

Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Partnership NHS Trust (SSTOP) which looks after community services in the county confirmed their systems had gone down.

NHS Digital moved to reassure people that patient data had not been accessed after the attack. A spokesman said: "We do not have any evidence that patient data has been accessed."

SSTOP advised anyone needing to contact them in the Cannock, Stafford and South Staffordshire areas to call 07876 547239.

Pupils close to action in charity game

Youngsters from Redhill Primary School in Cannock on the pitch at the Banks's Stadium

THOUSANDS flocked to the Banks's Stadium to watch stars of music, modelling and TV take to the pitch for a charity football match.

The star-studded event raised money for the Smile for Joel and Compton Hospice charities, with glamour model Katie Price and X Factor winner Shayne Ward taking charge of the two sides on Saturday.

And the game was extra special for pupils from Redhill Primary School in Cannock who, along with friends from other schools, acted as ball boys.

"This was an incredible experience due to the amount of big names taking part," teacher Paul Mobberley said.

The founder of Smile for Joel, Suzy Richards, spoke of how she was overwhelmed by the support she and her family had received organising the fundraising fixture.

She emotionally thanked players before kick-off after a short video was played to explain more about the charity set up in memory of her son Joel Richards.

The 19-year-old from Wednesbury was killed alongside his uncle Adrian Evans, grandfather Patrick Evans and 35 others in a terror attack in Sousse, Tunisia, in 2015.

The match ended in a victory for the Smiling Saddlers team as they beat Compton Wolves 6-5.

Firm's £1k boost for youngster's treatment

A BUILDING firm has given away £1,000 to boost a fundraising drive to take a Hednesford youngster to Slovakia for much-needed treatment.

Lyra Davis, aged two, has been diagnosed with cerebral palsy and global development delay – conditions which require a lot of care, physiotherapy and speech therapy.

Her parents Mark Davis and Jane Heggie launched the Lyra Can appeal to raise £17,000 to take their daughter abroad for oxygen therapy, together with intensive therapy in the UK and extra physiotherapy at home.

Lyra Davis and brother Joseph

Mr Davis said: "Lyra is our beautiful, happy, determined daughter, but she is between a year and 15 months behind other children."

The Lyra Can appeal, supported by the Just 4 Children charity, applied to Persimmon Homes West Midlands for support through its Community Champions scheme.

The company chose the appeal to be one of two groups picked every month to receive a match-funding donation.

Jane said: "Our dream is for Lyra to chase her brother Joseph around the garden and shout at him loudly."

To find out more about the Lyra Can campaign, visit the Facebook page www.facebook.com/lyracan1

Stepping into Walk campaign

THOUSANDS of schoolchildren all over Staffordshire are taking to the pavements this week as part of a national campaign.

Walk to School Week started on Monday. The campaign is run by the charity Living Streets to highlight the health benefits of walking to school and promote healthy lifestyles.

Staffordshire County Council's Travel to School team has urged parents and their children to get involved.

More than 50 schools have already signed up to The Staffordshire STARS scheme supporting cycling, walking and other forms of sustainable travel.

Staffordshire also has more than 70 walking buses, which encourage parents and their children to walk to school.

Eyes down as centre to host prize bingo

A PRIZE bingo evening on behalf of St Thomas Church is to be held at Huntington Community Centre tomorrow (Friday).

Admission is free, and doors open at 7pm for 7.30 start. Refreshments will be on sale and there will be a raffle.

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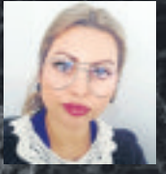

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Eight-year ban given to boss of HGV firm

THE director of an HGV firm that knowingly operated unroadworthy vehicles, one of which was in an accident where a pedestrian suffered life-changing injuries, has been banned from operating for eight years.

The lorry involved in the incident in which the pedestrian was hurt was found to have 18 defects and has been described by an expert as one of the 'top 10 worst' he had seen in 30 years.

Nick Denton, the region's traffic commissioner, concluded that Gavin Bentley, sole director of Midland Poling Services, based at Lower Drayton near Penkridge, took 'little interest' in the safety of his company's HGVs and said the firm had a culture where vehicle safety was 'routinely ignored'.

Revoking its operating licence, the industry regulator said the firm, which put up and replaced telegraph poles for telecommunications companies, deserved to go out of business.

Midland Poling was the subject of a police investigation in September 2016 when one of its vehicles was involved in a collision in Falmouth, Cornwall, that left a pedestrian with life-changing injuries.

During an inquiry in Birmingham last month, Mr Denton was told about an investigation carried out by the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) after the Falmouth crash which found numerous issues with the company's maintenance procedures.

Mr Bentley's eight-year ban took effect from last Saturday.

Police panel in recruitment bid

PEOPLE from Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent are being given the chance to join an independent panel to strengthen public scrutiny of policing in the county.

The Ethics Transparency and Audit Panel (ETAP) is looking for people who have an interest in public service and community safety and have the ability to robustly challenge and scrutinise Staffordshire Police.

ETAP requires more members of the public to join the panel to examine all aspects of policing in Staffordshire including helping to review financial accounts and audit reports.

Application forms are available at www.staffordshire-pcc.gov.uk/eta with a closing date of midday on Wednesday, May 31.

Friends group to hold their AGM

FRIENDS of Etching Hill are holding their AGM today (Thursday) at 7.30pm at Etching Hill Church Hall.

Everyone is welcome to tell the group what they would like for the next year. Refreshments are provided.

Furniture shop closes after 80 years

Kents of Hednesford in Market Street

A FURNITURE shop which had traded in Staffordshire for 80 years has closed down.

Kents of Hednesford in Market Street shut its doors for the final time on Saturday. Its owner, Richard Kent, who has run the shop for 25 years, has decided to move onto a different career path after battling against a fall in trade and soaring costs.

The family-run business was started in nearby Belt Road by Mr Kent's grandparents Charles and Evelyn Kent after Charles returned from the Second World War. "It will be fondly remembered by generations of Hednesford town families as a business that grew and prospered selling second hand and new furniture," Mr Kent said. "When my granddad returned from the Second World War he recognised there was a living to made with the help of the hard-working miners of the Cannock Chase pits.

"I would personally like to thank everyone for their support in building up the business."

Much of the business's trade came from workers at local collieries but in the wake of the decline of the mining industry, Mr Kent says, there was a significant downturn in trade.

He added: "When the mines closed, there was a notable loss of footfall in the town, and like many market towns throughout the country, times were changing.

"We battled through good and bad but with less trade and soaring costs of running the business I decided to pursue other career paths.

R"A big thank you to all the friends and family who have helped over the years, and I wish the good people of Hednesford all the best."

Tory MPs will not face charges over expenses

NO criminal charges will be brought in relation to Conservative spending on the 2015 General Election campaigns, despite a watchdog finding that electoral rules were broken.

The Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) said that even though spending returns submitted by some party candidates and officials may have been inaccurate, there was insufficient evidence to prove they were knowingly dishonest.

Mike Wood and Amanda Milling – who went on to be elected as MPs for Dudley South and Cannock Chase respectively – were among those who have been cleared.

Tory party chairman Sir Patrick McLoughlin said the decision had confirmed that Conservative candidates had done nothing wrong.

The announcement came a day before the deadline for nominations for the June 8 General Election.

Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn said he was 'surprised' by the decision, while Tim Farron said that while Tories may have observed the letter of the law, they had 'driven a battlebus and horses' through its spirit.

Failures

Police investigations into at least 30 individuals centred on allegations that expenses relating to busloads of Conservative activists sent to key seats were reported as part of national spending rather than falling within the lower constituency limits.

In March, the party was fined £70,000 by the Electoral Commission for 'numerous failures' in reporting its expenses for the 2015 General Election, and three by-elections in 2014.

CPS head of special crime Nick Vamos said prosecutors considering files of evidence from 14 police forces had not found evidence to justify a prosecution.

Mr Wood said: "The suggestion that I ought to have been paying for certain expenses for party activists was always ludicrous.

"It was entirely correct that this money was declared as national expenditure and as such did not need to be on local candidates' returns."

An Electoral Commission spokesman said the CPS evaluation was 'consistent with that of the Commission, which concluded the Conservative Party's spending return was incomplete and inaccurate, as it contained spending that should have been included in the candidates' returns'.

Fundraisers in the driving seat

Angie Gray and David Pearce get ready at the charity shop in Penkridge for the classic car run

A CLASSIC car run is being held in Staffordshire next month to raise money for charity.

The run, which will feature everything from classic cars to vintage tractors and motorbikes, is being held to raise money for Stafford-based Katharine House Hospice.

Starting in Penkridge, drivers will head up to Cannock Chase for the drive which will conclude with a picnic. Around 700 invites have been sent out for the event on Sunday, June 11.

Angie Gray, aged 53, who runs the Katharine House Hospice shop in Penkridge and has helped to organise the classic car run, said: "It will be absolutely fantastic. The weather does not matter – us classic car people always turn up regardless.

"Even people who just want to come and look at the cars are more than welcome to join us. This is the third or fourth time we have done the classic car run. We did not do one last year as the main organiser David Pearce was not very well but we are coming back bigger and better this year.

"Katharine House is important to the Staffordshire community – nobody ever knows what is around the corner." Drivers are meeting at the Bridge House hotel in the town from 9.30am. The run is setting off at 11.30am.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Fun day is in aid of Sands charity

A FAMILY fun day to raise funds for a charity that supports anyone affected by the death of a baby is to be held in Rugeley on Sunday.

The event in aid of Sands has been organised by Zoe Robertson, who herself lost a baby boy this year when she was 20 weeks' pregnant.

"I would really like to give something back to a charity who help families get through such an awful time," she said.

The fun day, which is being held at Lea Hall Club, starts at 2pm. For details, email zoemiller11@icloud.com

Package alert on tobacco products

TRADERS are being reminded that all tobacco products must be sold in plain packaging from this Saturday.

The reminder has been issued by Staffordshire County Council's trading standards team, which has been working with businesses advising them on the new legislation since it was introduced in May last year.

From May 2016, new tobacco products had to be plain packaged, while businesses have been able to clear older stock. Plain packaging laws form part of a raft of legislation to reduce the amount of new smokers.

Labour's choice for South Staffs

SOUTH Staffordshire Labour Party has announced that their parliamentary candidate is Adam Freeman.

Since the last general election, Adam has been constituency Labour Party secretary,

He stood in the Staffordshire County Council elections this month in Perton, finishing second for the first time in over a decade for Labour in the seat. The 24-year-old is standing on a five-point plan for South Staffordshire.

Barbara to jazz things up for church concert

AN evening of live music featuring Barbara and All That Jazz will be held at St Stephen's Methodist Church, in Bideford Way, Cannock, on Saturday.

The concert is part of the church's 50th anniversary celebrations and starts at 7.30pm.

Refreshments will be available during the interval.

Tickets are £4. Organisers say 'just turn up and pay on the door'. For further details, contact Eric Brooks on 07970 154667 or 01543 578827.

Ramblers at the ready

CHASE Ramblers' outing this Sunday is a nine-mile moderate walk from Hartington, Derbyshire. The meeting point as usual is Hednesford railway station car park in Anglesey Street for a 9am prompt departure. For further details contact Eve on 01543 685425. New walkers are welcome.

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IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

Shocking reminder of online reliance

THE cyber attack on the NHS is a timely reminder of how we have all become far too dependent on the internet.

Nobody would deny that the internet is a useful tool, and has made massive strides in increasing efficiency over the past couple of decades. I'm sure that within the NHS it has improved services, saved a lot of money, and possibly saved lives. But that comes with a caveat. Computers are invariably fallible, and susceptible to attack. It is why I have never been tempted by internet banking, despite the lure of better interest rates.

The internet is a useful tool which can make services more efficient. But it must never become something which we stake our lives on. And imagine the carnage if it was the driverless car industry that had been the target of the hackers instead.

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THE General Election has reignited the old debate about whether our railways are better run as a private enterprise or as a state-owned service. I suspect a great deal of nostalgia for the golden days of British Rail comes from young people with no memories of the wheezing old locos pulling filthy carriages and staff with all the joie de vivre of a wet weekend in Margate. But what really puzzles me is how people get so worked up about this when our railways are, to all intents and purposes, nationalised already.

The routes are owned by the Government, and managed by the state-owned Network Rail. The franchises are awarded by the Department for Transport. And many of the services are provided by state-owned operators – such as Deutsche Bahn, which does a very passable impression of the old British Rail with its Arriva Wales service in this neck of the woods. Not to mention the notorious Southern Rail franchise in London and the south-east, part owned by the French state operator SNCF. So our rail network is state-owned, the franchises are determined by the Government, and often awards them to state-owned companies.

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ANYWAY, I think whether the railways are privately or publicly owned is a bit of a red herring. The real issue is whether they should be run on a commercial basis, as they are at the moment, or whether they should be subsidised by the public purse.

At a superficial level, more investment in our rail network, particularly if it keeps fares down, sounds very attractive.

Except, of course, that in the Black Country, we don't really have a rail network, Beeching saw to that in the 1960s.

I would love to think that "more investment" in our railways meant things like the reopening of the old Walsall-Dudley-Stourbridge line and everybody having easy access to a station. But the cynic in me thinks it will mean White Van Man subsidising well-heeled commuters in London and the other big cities.

It's all bugging us with royals, politicians and the EU

Medical expert Dame Sally Davies, warning us all on too much use of antibiotics

Prince Philip, a role model for people moaning about extending the retirement age limit

Monty Python's Holy Grail – your father smelt of elderberries, on a T-shirt near you now!

Sally's warning on antibiotics' overuse

AFTER the recent puzzle about why submariners wear camouflage combat kit, a reader asks, why do counters at some polling stations wear hi-viz yellow jackets? Maybe it's to protect them from floating voters.

"WE will probably be all right but our grandchildren won't, if we don't take action." Chief Medical Officer Dame Sally Davies this week on the rise of superbugs caused by over-use of antibiotics.

DAME Sally is even suggesting that, as antibiotics become useless, the latest strain of so-called 'super gonorrhea' might be treated by the mediaeval practice of putting mercury in the bladder. We may live to see the reappearance of that grim ditty from 300 years ago: "A night with Venus, a lifetime with mercury."

WHY is it I cannot look at the word 'super-gonorrhea' without a mental image of Dick van Dyke as Bert the chimney sweep in Mary Poppins? Um-dittle-ittl-um-dittle-I

"I BELIEVE there is a lot to learn from reading Kapital." Those are the 11 words that could spell the end of shadow chancellor John McDonnell's political career. His support for Karl Marx's handbook on communism is more than his shadow-cabinet comrades can stomach. A revolt to unseat him is said to be under way. But why? If you don't believe there is a lot to learn from Das Kapital, how can you call yourself a socialist? And are socialists no longer welcome in the Labour Party?

A READER writes: "Historians have revealed that they may have found the location in Suffolk where St Edmund is buried. It is thought to be in the town of Bury St Edmunds. How much do these people earn?"

IF you believe everything you read the much-hyped King Charles III (BBC2) will cause the Royal Family 'deliberate pain' by raking up an old myth about the fatherhood of a certain prince. Frankly, the Windsors come from such a long, convoluted, dubious and disputed series of bloodlines that I doubt if anyone at the Palace gives two hoots.

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

IS the Duke of Edinburgh a role model for young people? Absolutely. The way the state pension is going, they're all going to have to work until they're 96.

THE then-and-now photos of droughts have been entertaining the Great British Public for many years, but what do they actually tell us? See, here is an image of a pretty bridge across a river. When we had lots of rain, the river was full. Now we have no rain, the river is not so full. Coming soon: somewhat drier fields. The drought news – brought to you by the Department of the Bleedin' Obvious.

THERE was a wonderful moment in The Durrells (ITV) when the awkward teenager Leslie (Callum Woodhouse) first encountered the achingly tempting Corfiot beauty Vasilia (Errika Bigiou). In that split-second of desire, the viewfinder flap on his ancient camera suddenly sprang open. It was a cheeky metaphor; the late Brian Rix would have loved it. There is no denying that the gorgeous, pouting Vasilia is exactly the sort of older woman that could pop a young lad's Brownie.

A FORMER comrade of the hate preacher Anjem Choudary is reported to have returned from Syria to the UK where he is working as a pizza delivery rider. Hell, this is serious. In the great scheme of things, I bet far more lardy-arse Britons are killed every year by take-away pizza than by terrorism. Double-thick, special greasy 12-incher with extra spicy sausage for the infidel at No 33.

THE men and women calculating a harsh Brexit deal in Brussels are not our friends. They may not even be particularly nice people, especially now that their beloved European Project is losing its second-biggest player. It is hard for us Eurosceptic Brits to comprehend the religious-like fervour the EU inspires in some circles. In one of those asides which really is worth investigating further, Ian Hislop remarked on Have I Got News for You (BBC1) that Jean-Claude Juncker is "a difficult piece of work . . . he's not a great guy." Certainly, the language being used by Juncker and his fellow EU negotiators is not so much the language of friends but of jailers and it stirs a deep race-memory of snarling across the Channel. I noticed this week that you can buy T-shirts on eBay with the wonderful insults between French and English knights in Monty Python and the Holy Grail: "Your mother was a hamster and your father smelt of elderberries." Unless calmer heads prevail, by the time Brexit is over we'll all be wearing them.

AND off, for reasons I won't bore you with, to the baby-equipment superstore. Here is living proof that if you delay having babies until you can afford them, you will never breed. One pram cost a cool £940. Our first pram was a Silver Cross, as used by the Royal Family, and it cost us a tenner, second-hand. I dare say these days we'd be arrested for child neglect.

LEAFING through the hobby mags I found one feature by an enthusiastic hack who had tested and reviewed 17 different sorts of paintbrushes. Ah, the untold glamour of journalism.

TALKING POINT

A dog's life should not be fashion accessory

WHY do they do it? Recipe for cruelty. Take one cute dog, shave off a lot of its fur, sprinkle with stupid brightly-coloured bows and watch it be ridiculed.

We are supposed to be a nation of dog lovers yet some people just treat them as toys to be dressed up and shown off.

Surely all a dog wants is to be cared for, fed, given affection and taken out for regular walks. Not fluffing up and dressing up to appear in a competition.

Do the dog show officials actually judge if the dog is happy about what is inflicted on it?

Yes, it is probably well-trained and I am sure the owners who attend the show have taught their dog to be on best behaviour for the judges. But are they classed as pets or just something to show off in the hope of taking home a prize?

Man's best friend? I don't think so.

Would you actually want your best friend to be treated that way?

I have seen cute dogs – naturally cute – adorned with various outfits, red bows on their heads, fancy dress costumes, especially at Christmas, and worse. A lot of the time you would not treat a child that way.

People often criticise beauty pageants as being sexist or showy but this is no better. In fact it is much worse.

Waiting to be judged the poor dogs sit round for hours, often in hot and probably cramped conditions with no idea of what awaits them.

Do owners actually think their dogs enjoy the experience?

And what about the stars with their handbag dogs. These 'pets' do actually have legs and would probably enjoy the exercise. They should not just be used as a fashion accessory.

You won't find any dogs who actually 'check themselves out' in a mirror. They would rather be chewing on a bone!

And what did I see on television the other day – an advert which positively encourages dog owners to dress them up.

A busker out with his dog is basically being ignored but put the dog in some ridiculous outfit and suddenly the busker's bucket starts to fill up at a rapid pace.

So that cruel gimmick is being touted as a way to make extra money. These 'pets' are not circus animals there to entertain. There is criticism about performing animals which is often labelled as cruel. Is this not just as bad?

Often when I drive home from work I see a man out playing with his dog, throwing the ball for his dog to chase. What a lovely scene and no doubt a very happy pet. That is loving your dog.

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Suspended jail term for drug factory 'gardener'

Staff see fit to raise funds

Anytime Fitness staff take a breather from their fundraising workout in Cannock town centre

EMPLOYEES from Anytime Fitness rallied together for a charity by hosting a fundraiser in Cannock town centre.

To celebrate the opening of the health club at High Green, the team came together to raise funds forthe British Heart Foundation.

The group headed out into the town for a 45-minute 'Insanity class', successfully raising over £1 a minute, which the staff described as 'great start to the health facility's ongoing efforts to support the charity'. Insanity classes involve cardio-conditioning workouts for people of all fitness levels.

Cannock Anytime Fitness will be organising more charity events in the future, in particular for causes involved with people's health.

Jordan Hanson, the trainer who led the Insanity class, said: "It was great to get involved with Anytime Fitness Cannock and show the community what the club has to offer by hosting Insanity.

"My relationship with the club's manager Peter Arnold stretches back years, and he is all about helping and aiding the community, so when he said we were helping raise funds for the British Heart Foundation, it was a no brainer."

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A 'GARDENER' who helped cultivate a cannabis factory has been given a suspended jail sentence.

Kevin Upton, aged 31, of Cedar Road, Cannock, was responsible for tending the 158 cannabis plants found by police at an industrial estate in Lye. The factory could have produced a quantity of the drug with a street value of more than £100,000.

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard that it was a 'very large commercial enterprise' involving several tents, illegally extracted electricity supply and ventilation ducts.

Three men were arrested and charged in relation to the factory but Upton is the only one not to have had the charges dropped.

Upton admitted being concerned in the production of cannabis on the basis he was 'the gardener' and was given a 1- month prison sentence, suspended for two years.

He was also ordered to carry out 200 hours of unpaid work within the next year and pay £1,800 costs.

Closed

Mr Timothy Harrington, prosecuting, said police officers attended the industrial estate on October 1, 2015, and noticed a strong smell of cannabis. "They went to the front door and tried to open it," he said.

"This defendant and two other men tried to keep the door closed but the police got in.

"They found inside a significant cannabis factory. There were a total of 158 plants and most were near full maturity.

"The potential yield was estimated as between four and 13kg and would have been worth tens of thousands of pounds.

"The lowest estimate if it had been sold in ounces would be £28,000 but if it had been sold in large deals it could have been over £100,000."

Upton's DNA was found in a glove and a sleeping bag was found indicating someone was staying overnight to tend the plants, Mr Harrington said.

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I SMELL a rat over Mrs May's decision to call a General Election.

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I believe when she is elected she will then revert to a softer Brexit to try and appease all, which is not what I want, hence I will vote UKIP.

MR T TURNER
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THE Burntwood, Cannock and Lichfield branch of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association's fundraising collection at Morrisons Burntwood on April 30 raised £430.94.

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Spread the word about stroke campaign

THIS month is Stroke Awareness Month, promoted by the Stroke Association.

Most people are probably quite unaware of this and, as I was, of strokes and the effects they can have.

My wife had a serious stroke last month and take it from me, the effect is immediate and devastating.

But stroke is little understood in this country and does not have the profile of other major medical conditions.

Through its annual Stroke Awareness Month the Stroke Association is trying to redress this situation and increase understanding and awareness.

This is why I am keen to do what little I can to help support this campaign. I urge readers to spread the word.

MIKE SMITH
Penkridge

Reality of spending claims is in doubt

I HAVE a close family member who resides in a specialist care home housing people of varying ages who are suffering from severe and enduring mental health conditions.

During the past few weeks my relative has been advised that his main state benefit, being Employment and Support Allowance, has been increased by a paltry and insulting 50p per week for the new financial year. To add further insult he has been advised that his care contribution, due from this benefit, has been increased by Staffordshire County Council by a further coincidental increase of 50p per week.

Furthermore, after paying his care contribution, his retained personal allowance has been frozen to £24.90 per week for the third time in as many years.

This is the action of a government which states it continues to place the emphasis and priorities on helping and funding the most vulnerable and disabled members of society with recent added special mention for the mentally ill.

I will leave readers to judge for themselves on the actual reality of this claim.

Unfortunately, my conscience will no longer allow me to support or vote for a political party and leader who seem happy to approve and implement this type of callous and disgraceful action aimed at the most vulnerable.

D H FARLEY
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Is this part of town plan?

THE re-installation of the welcome arch and bollards in the town and the renewal of several benches in Brook Square branded CCDC will be very much appreciated. Would this signify the continuation of the Local Plan Part 1 by Cannock Chase District Council or will residents have to wait for 40 more years for a complete pedestrianised town?

COUNCILLOR D GAYE
Rugeley

Policy not based on fairness

TORY election promises to be a strong and stable government acting in the national interest are false.

The foreign secretary has already pledged to give active support to any military action Trump may choose. Such sycophancy is extremely dangerous, learning nothing from previous adventures, and could lead to nuclear engagement.

For economic incompetence the Tories are unequalled, with national debt approaching £2 trillion and no suggestion as to how it can ever be repaid. Cameron offered a big society and May suggests one nation, fair for all.

But social fairness or unfairness is decided by one science alone – the science concerned with the production, distribution and consumption of wealth – political economy.

Whilst claiming fairness, the real motive of the Tories is unfairness.

KEVIN WILCOX
Hammerwich

Leaders ought to give us straight answers

HOW do you work out who you can trust to take our country forword? I have been a Conservative for years but have doubts as to trusting the current leader.

She seems to me to be trying to emulate Margaret Thatcher and doing a poor job of it.

Then you have the weak, pacifist Corbyn, who thinks anyone who earns over £80,000 should pay extra tax.

I notice he has not put the limit at £75,000 so all the MPs don't have to pay more as they should. The only group left is the Liberal Democrats who are hell bent on another referendum but have a good idea to fund the health service. Why can't these people give a straight answer when asked a question? As it stands I could not vote for any of them.

R PEATY
Wimblebury

EU facts have a clear legal basis in treaties

WITH regard to Kevin Tindill's letter (May 11) I wish to clarify the EU facts as I know them have a clear legal basis in the treaties. The 1958 Treaty of Rome, establishing the EEC, states it was laying 'the foundations of an ever closer union among the peoples of Europe' and the signatories resolved to 'preserve and strengthen peace and liberty'.

The UK's 1972 Treaty of Accession states that signatories are determined to 'construct an ever closer union among the peoples of Europe. This was always about peace and about rights and freedoms for ordinary people; it was never just about economics.

MRS CLARE SHOLL
Burntwood

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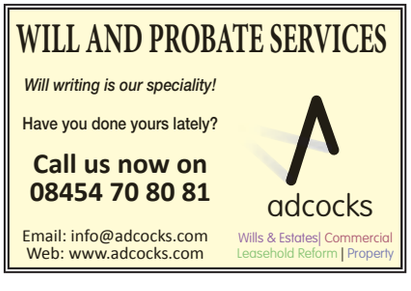

Members enjoy wine and cheese

Shareshill WI

PRESIDENT Margaret Beddard welcomed members to the April cheese and wine evening and AGM; particularly five new members who have joined this year.

Since the last meeting, the quiz team took part in the county quiz, 23 members and friends had a very enjoyable visit to the Houses of Parliament, 10 members went to the spring council meeting in Stafford and 24 of had a lovely time and the Heathside spring soup meeting hosted by Cannock WI and were entertained by Pat Hall.

Secretary Sue Davidson reminded everyone of forthcoming events around the county and Shareshill's own events – a journey on the Orient Express, a trip to Shropshire Petals, the annual summer saunterand a visit to see Twelfth Night at Wightwick Manor.

Between now and next month's meeting there is a chance to study this year's resolutions 'alleviating loneliness' and 'plastic soup'; keep microplastic fibres out of our oceans.

The next meeting will be on May 18 when Kerry Kenman will ask: 'So, Do You Think You Can Make a Hat?'

At the AGM the president thanked all committee members Sue Davidson, Ann Shutt, Pauline Sawbridge, Cheryl Milward, Judy Nugent, Julie Cornfield, Sue Perks and Lynn Rufelle for their commitment, hard work and support throughout. All, including the president, are willing to stand again.

Sheila goes extra Yard to fill hotseat

Pat Preece, Pat Elwell, chairman Sheila Yard, Pat Stanley, Eileen Cryer, Elizabeth Stephenson, Ciceley Garbett, Eva Eustace and Norma Hutchinson

Cannock Chase Ladies' Probus Club

THE ladies welcomed in their new chairman at their 30th Annual General Meeting at The Barns, Huntington.

Outgoing chairman Eileen Cryer welcomed everyone and Grace was said by Annette Bint before the ladies enjoyed their luncheon, followed by the AGM.

In her closing report Mrs Cryer thanked committee members for their loyal support; Elizabeth Stephenson for her work as treasurer and for the excellent social trips; Pat Preece as speaker' secretary; Norma Hutchinson for her excellent work as club secretary; Pat Elwell as membership secretary for sending out cards on behalf of the club; Eva Eustace and Pat Stanley as dinner secretaries and Angela Reid as members' representative.

Vice-chairman Sheila Yard thanked Mrs Cryer for her hard work and leadership and presented her with a lovely flower arrangement. Mrs Yard took the chair and was presented with the chairman's Badge of Office adding it would be a privilege. The vice-chairman will be Ciceley Garbett.

The Annual Luncheon is on June 29 at Brocton Hall Golf Club, £20 for food and entertainment.

Garden scheme rakes in cash

Ridwares WI

THE March meeting hosted a talk by Graham and Judy White on 'Creating a National Garden Scheme Garden'.

The couple and their family moved to Uttoxeter 25 years ago and took on a fairly large, barren garden of about one third of an acre. They took this blank canvas and, over 17 years, without plans or sketches, turned it into a beautiful, interesting garden.

Together with next door neighbours, their garden has been open for eight years during one weekend each year andthey have raised £59,000 for charities.

Together with their neighbours, Graham and Judy's Woodleighton Grove Gardens went into the Yellow Book in 2009. Since then they have had 5,564 visitors to both gardens. The ladies were then treated to a virtual tour of the gardens.

Karen Wakefield won the 'photograph of a garden' competition.

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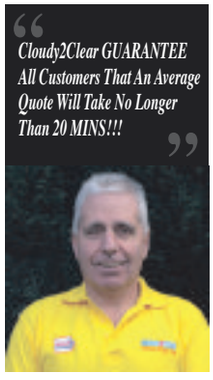

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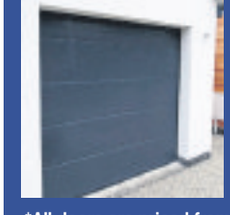

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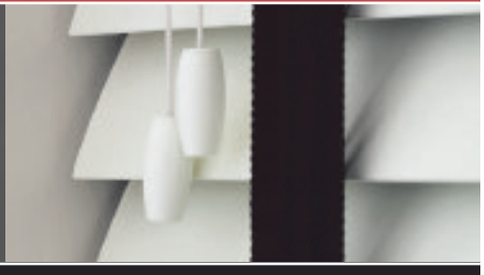

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Police target rip-off rogue traders

An officer checks a vehicle during the spot checks along the A460 at Shareshill

MORE than 100 vehicles were stopped on some of Staffordshire's busiest routes during police spot checks to crack down on rogue traders.

In three days, police stopped 123 vehicles on routes such as the A460 at Shareshill, A449 at Acton Gate and Wall Island, Lichfield, checking 39 companies for signs of rogue trader activity, visiting 737 households to gather intelligence and distributing 4,990 crime prevention leaflets. The operation aims to raise awareness among residents falling victim to distraction burglars who prey on the elderly.

Chief Insp Jason Nadin said: "The real emphasis of the rogue trader campaign is to raise awareness and educate the public about the threat."

A total of 26 no cold-calling zones and seven 'no rogue trading' areas were also set up.

Rise in exam stress

HUNDREDS of children in the West Midlands region are being counselled for overwhelming exam stress.

Counsellors carried out 850 sessions in the past two years, mostly with youngsters in the 12-15 age group. However, this year saw the biggest rise, up by 21 per cent on 2015-16, among 16 to 18-year-olds preparing for A-levels. More than a fifth of the counselling sessions took place in May.

Pupils faced with exams are turning to Childline, telling counsellors they are struggling with subjects, excessive workloads and feeling unprepared.

The figures, released by the NSPCC, showed that its West Midlands base in Birmingham was contacted mostly by girls – 496 compared to 354 boys. Nationally, across its 12 bases, Childline carried out 3,135 counselling sessions in 2016-17 – a rise of 11 per cent in two years.

Charity bosses say young people are consistently telling counsellors that exam stress is contributing to depression, anxiety, panic attacks, excessive crying, low self-esteem, self-harming and suicidal thoughts, or making pre-existing mental health conditions worse.

Peter Wanless, chief executive of the NSPCC said: "Exams are important but worrying and panicking about them can be counterproductive.

"It is vital that young people are supported by family, friends and teachers during the exam period."

Dignitaries appointed as Deputy Lieutenants

A FORMER MP, chairman of a football club and college principal are among 10 new Deputy Lieutenants appointed in Staffordshire.

The new Deputy Lieutenants will help the Lord-Lieutenant with his duties throughout the year and were appointed to the role by the Lord-Lieutenant of Staffordshire, Ian James Dudson.

Charles Hawley

Mr Dudson is the Queen's representative in the county and made the presentations at the first of two special events at Staffordshire County Council's County Buildings in Stafford.

The Deputy Lieutenants include Mrs Julie Arkle of Newcastle-under-Lyme; Brigadier Simon Bell of Stone; Mr Charles Hawley of Colton; and Mrs Joan Walley-Ostrowski of Stoke on Trent.

The Lord-Lieutenant said: "It is a great pleasure to welcome Staffordshire's new Deputy Lieutenants. They have all been selected because of their roles within their communities and I am sure they will do an excellent job."

Those appointed to the role have spoken of their delight.

Brigadier Simon Bell said, "Having served my country for 33 years as an officer in the British Army, I am honoured to be given the opportunity to serve the county of Staffordshire and look forward to supporting Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant."

Mrs Joan Walley-Ostrowski said: I'm very proud that my public service over 28 years has been recognised and I am honoured to be asked to support the work of the Lord-Lieutenant."

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School's musicians make the grade

A valuable subject – young musicians from Great Wyrley High School on stage

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Headteacher Mr Lee Taylor said the school is 'immensely proud' of gaining the bronze certificate from the Incorporated Society of Musicians/ISM Trust.

Deborah Annetts, chief executive of the ISM – the professional body for musicians – congratulated the school, saying: "Music is a valuable subject, it brings value in itself to pupils as well as supporting achievement in other subjects." The ISM was set up in 1882 to promote the art of music and to protect the interests of all musicians.

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Alan's a man with a plan

Councillors Brian Gamble, left, and Alan Pearson

A STALWART Hednesford councillor has been appointed chairman of the town council for the third year running.

Alan Pearson says plans for future development will be his priority.

The Labour representative for Hednesford North was chosen to be chairman, with his colleague Councillor Brian Gamble, also Labour and representing the Anglesey ward, becoming vice-chairman.

Councillor Pearson said it was always a privilege and a pleasure to lead the council, as it is so inextricably linked to the local community.

He said the coming year was vital to see Hednesford's neighbourhood plan finalised and voted on. The plan sets out guidelines to be adhered to by developers in coming years, should they want to build in Hednesford.

"It will be great to see the neighbourhood plan come to fruition after all the hard work that has been put into it," Councillor Pearson said.

"It's such a forward-looking document that has been so worthwhile to produce," he added.

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Old friends reunited after three decades

Ethel, left, and Selina with care home staff who helped them to reunite after more than 30 years apart

AN elderly home care specialist has helped reunite a pair of old friends who hadn't seen each other for more than 30 years.

The women, named Selina and Ethel, met and rekindled their friendship on a recent day out to a local garden centre organised by Stafford-based Radfield Home Care.

The duo were keen to meet up again and share their stories. They were invited into the care provider's offices in Austin Friars, Stafford, for afternoon tea, to give them an opportunity to reminisce.

The ladies lived in pre-fabricated bungalows in the Rickerscote area of Stafford, where Selina, now 95, would pop round weekly to sell savings stamps and stop for a chat with Ethel, 85, and her family before moving to another area of Stafford.

Both worked for the same company, English Electric in Stafford, while their husbands both originated from Sunderland.

Selina, who was born in a Rowley Park Nursing Home, had two sons with Stan.

Ethel, who was born in Brereton, worked in the canteen at English Electric, where she met her husband, George, who was a joiner for the company. She added: "George used to come in the canteen everyday for his lunch, and that is where I first met him.

"It's been great to catch up with Selina after all this time apart. I remember when Selina's sister made two bridesmaid's dresses for my daughter Alison, as she used to make clothes."

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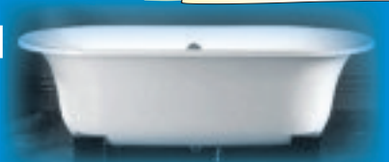

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A CANNOCK resident who has explored her wellbeing through her love of poetry has been inspiring other poets in the town.

Charlotte Postings, aged 22, had a love of writing but had yet to explore poetry when she arrived at Sanctuary Supported Living's Avalon House, in Horton Close, Cannock, where she has lived for 17 months.

Staff at the SSL service, which supports people with mental health needs, encouraged her to develop her love of poems, which she acquired through a local support group, and to host her own poetry nights.

Now she is sharing her story of how poetry and support helped her progress from someone surviving with mental health needs to someone thriving on their own terms.

Progress – Charlotte Postings has hosted her own poetry nights

Attracted

Her first night, which was held in March at Caffe Del Nino in Cannock, hosted 14 performers, with a second in April attracting 17 people reading.

The events are open to everyone and have attracted artists from a wide range of backgrounds.

Charlotte said: "My poetry and spoken word nights are for anyone and everyone who wants to come and freely express themselves, but I did not foresee how popular they would be – the venue was full to the brim with people.

"Three other Avalon House residents, and one member of staff, have been to and supported my poetry nights. My night even inspired one of the residents to write her own poem.

"The staff have also started talking about having a poetry corner/residents corner in the communal lounge where we can put up some of our own work."

SSL support worker Caron Hughes said: "It's been wonderful to see Charlotte's progress with her poetry."

Well versed in winning

Rebecca Lockwood

TWO young budding Staffordshire poets have won prizes in the first 'I Love Staffordshire' poetry competition.

Organised by Enjoy Staffordshire, the county council and Stoke-on-Trent library services, the contest was part of the Staffordshire Day celebrations on.

Rebecca Lockwood, 16, of Cannock won the 11 to 16 years category with her poem The Stag and I. The under 11s category was won by Honor Sutton, nine, from Stafford with Staffordshire, My Favourite Place to Be.

Rebecca, a pupil at Cannock Chase High School, won for herself a pair of Thrill Hopper passes, and a workshop for her school with performance poet Giovanni 'Spoz' Esposito.

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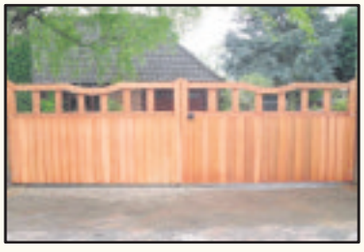

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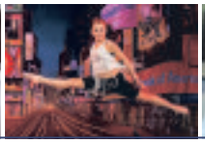

A fresh chapter for school as new principal takes the helm

Senior Provost The Revd Canon Brendan Clover, Chair of the Governing Body Pauline Norvall, Maggie Shackleton and head girl Niamh Durkin

A NEW chapter has begun at Abbots Bromley School with the installation of its new principal.

Mrs Maggie Shackleton was officially installed on April 28 in the chapel, where she made a declaration to uphold the school's ethos and traditions.

Previously she was headteacher of Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls.

Her leadership culminated in the school being rated as the 30th highest ranking school in the country.

Olympic Gold medal-winning rower Dame Katherine Grainger visited on

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Maggie's final day to pay tribute to her. Maggie said: "I am proud and privileged to be the principal of Abbots Bromley School and International College.

"It is an extremely exciting time, with last summer's A-level results placing the school in the top four per cent of all schools in the country for value-added performance, boys being admitted into Year 7 for the first time from this September and a rapidly expanding sixth form.

"My formal introduction to the school was at the recent dance and musical theatre performance, which was phenomenal. Extra-curricular opportunities are a wonderful part of school life at AB, including our choirs travelling to Chelmsford Cathedral this weekend for a performance.

"The school has excellent transport links as well as a school transport system and there are day and boarding options available."

She added: "I am extremely grateful to the school community for the welcome they have given to me and my husband. Given the reaction of our boarding students to meeting our two dogs, we will not have a shortage of volunteer dog walkers!"

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Group leader in call over vacant seat on council

BURNTWOOD Town Council's opposition leader, Diane Evans, has called on Conservative members to honour a commitment to co-opt a Labour member into the Chasetown seat left vacant by the resignation of Keith Williscroft.

The vacancy was advertised but no-one came forward or called an election, leaving the council with the opportunity to co-opt an additional member.

A Lichfield Tory councillor, Norma Bacon, has submitted an application, as well as forensic investigator Rob Birch, who is Labour's nominee.

Councillor Evans said: "By any measure, I know that Rob will bring great value to the work of the town council and to the town itself.

"He has been active in the campaign to oppose development on our green belt. He has lived here most of his life, has raised his family here and is enthusiastic about its future.

"I just hope that the Conservatives at the town council will put party allegiances to one side and honour their commitment to co-opting a Labour councillor. After all, that was the decision of the voters of Chasetown for this seat just two years ago and they should not ignore local electors."

The applications will be considered by the town council today (Thursday).

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New chapter unfolds in story of role the Chase had in Great War

A NEW series of events, walks and volunteering activities focussing on the New Zealand Rifle Brigade will take place this summer to raise awareness of Cannock Chase's rich military history.

Support from the Heritage Lottery Fund will allow the third phase of Cannock Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty's First World War project to get under way.

Having fought at the Battle of the Somme and the Battle of Messines, the New Zealand Rifle Brigade were a valuable source of combat experience.

They arrived at Brocton Camp on Cannock Chase in September 1917 with a remit to train fresh drafts.

For the following two years, Cannock Chase became their home and UK headquarters. During this time, they built a large-scale model of part of the Belgium town of Messines allowing troops to study the area in detail before going into battle there.

They also adopted a Harlequin Great Dane called Freda who became their prized mascot, and her grave remains on Cannock Chase.

The New Zealand Rifle Brigade arrived at Brocton Camp in September 1917

Anne Walker, assistant AONB officer for Cannock Chase, said: "The men, colloquially known as Kiwis, had a good relationship with the locals and enjoyed visits, concert parties, musical concerts and tea dances. Some of the Rifle Brigade married local women before heading back to New Zealand.

"On leaving in May 1919, there was a huge ceremony in Stafford town centre with hundreds of people turning up to wave goodbye to the troops." A series of school workshops, events, walks and family activities will help to interpret this part of Cannock Chase's Great War heritage to a wide range of people.

It is hoped the events will act as a catalyst to uncover more stories and bring people of all ages together to commemorate this important time in local history.

Trevor Warburton, secretary of Friends of Cannock Chase, said: "We have some of the men's memoirs from this period, and we hope to work with the local army cadets to undercover more stories.

"Tasks include identifying, photographing and researching 100-year-old graffiti on the Triumphal Arch at Shugborough Estate, and linking them to the New Zealand soldiers."

Events will be held at the Museum of Cannock Chase and the Visitor Centre in Marquis Road between July and September. For details of 'The New Zealand Rifle Brigade & Cannock Chase 1917-19' project and its events, walking programme and volunteer opportunities, call Anne Walker on 01785 619185 or email cannockchase@staffordshire.gov.uk

90,000 visit exhibition on JRR Tolkien

MORE than 90,000 people have visited an exhibition examining JRR Tolkien's time in Staffordshire since it opened – with an organiser now set to tell the story in Germany.

The exhibition, which was launched at the Museum of Cannock Chase in March 2016, is led by the Haywood Society, supported by Staffordshire Libraries and Arts, and largely funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Now the project leader has been invited to speak on the subject at a Tolkien exhibition to mark International Museum Day in Germany. David Robbie will be the speaker at Otzberg Castle, Odenwald, tomorrow (Friday).

He said: "The exhibition has opened a new window on what was, until now, a little-known period of the great author's life, and I am proud to be able to tell the Staffordshire story to a new audience."

The contact arose from a visit by Jens Goetz from Darmstadt to the exhibition when it was at Penkridge Library last year. Having heard David's presentation, Jens invited him to address the Tolkien gathering at Otzberg Castle.

Jens has since returned to Staffordshire and been treated to a guided tour of Tolkien-related Great War locations, including Cannock Chase, Gipsy Green and Great Haywood, and intends to return to visit other locations.

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Young traders urged to pitch up at market

YOUNG traders are being encouraged to set out their stall at Penkridge Market.

The market is joining more than 1,200 others for the annual Love Your Local Market campaign and is aiming to attract new traders aged from 16 to 30.

The campaign began yesterday (Wednesday) and, as part of the initiative, a special Youth Market is being held at the Pinfold Lane site on Wednesday, May 31 to entice the next generation of traders and entrepreneurs.

Anyone interested in having a stall at the youth market for £10 is asked to call market manager Matt Williams on 01785 714221. It will run alongside the usual Wednesday market from 9am to 3pm.

Matt said: "Markets provide a fantastic platform from which to grow small businesses, and we are keen to work with local schools and colleges to help young people start on their entrepreneurial journey."

HS2 is most hated policy for Tories, new survey shows

HS2 is the most hated policy among Conservative party members, according to a new survey.

Plans to continue with the construction of the £55.7 billion high-speed rail link between London and the West Midlands has been voted less popular than maintaining the pensions triple lock and spending £350 million a week extra on the NHS.

A survey of Tory members by website Conservative Home asked for opinions on policies that could form part of the Conservative Party manifesto heading into the General Election on June 8.

The results showed that HS2 is the least favourite policy among party members, with it coming rock bottom of the list – ranking 34th out of 34. A total of 1,469 members responded to the survey and were asked to give the policies a ranking from one to 10, with 'continuing with HS2' averaging 2.96, just squeezing out 'spending at least 0.7 per cent of GNP on overseas aid' on 2.97 for last place.

The survey showed overall support for the other infrastructure projects, and the specific suggestion of 'spending £100bn on infrastructure during the coming Parliament' received a positive score of 5.82.

Opposite

Stop HS2 campaign manager Joe Rukin said: "Over the years, public opposition to HS2 has increased showing that the public have not been conned by the HS2 spin, and this survey firmly shows that Conservative Party members haven't been fooled either.

"The only people who seem to think HS2 is a good idea are politicians who think it might be a vote winner, but this result shows exactly the opposite – scrapping HS2 is what people want."

Penny Gaines, chairwoman of Stop HS2, said: "The results of the Conservative Home poll show a clear lack of enthusiasm for HS2, coming in last place of a long list of options.

"But this should be no surprise, as poll after poll have shown HS2 is not wanted.

"Looking in more depth at the alternatives polled, the respondents aren't against infrastructure spending or building new homes.

"But there are a lot of other ways of spending the £55bn allocated to HS2, not just the alternatives in the poll of nuclear power stations and schools. Other ideas include expanding digital 4G coverage, the infrastructure needed for driverless cars and building a cycling network."

Ready to be life-saver

Hart School Students with, from left, David Betteridge, principal Chris Keen and school governor Andy Drake

TWO defibrillator units have been installed at The Hart School in Rugeley which will be available for use by the community.

It comes after David Betteridge, who lives in the town, helped to raise funds to ensure the school had access to the potentially life-saving equipment. In 2013, he suffered a heart attack while playing in a six-a-side football match at Erasmus Darwin Academy in Chasetown which did not have a defibrillator.

The father-of-two collapsed moments after having struck an equaliser but his friends and team-mates Glyn Betts and Matt Inns rushed to his aid and administered first aid until paramedics arrived. Mr Betteridge, who was 46 at the time, was able to make a full recovery.

Since then he has committed his time to raising funds to ensure that his local secondary school, and other schools, would not be in the same position. Both of his children attended The Hart School, and with the support the community, and in particular workers at Rugeley Power Station, funds were raised to purchase two units.

Chris Keen, principal of The Hart School, said: "We are extremely grateful to Mr Betteridge."

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Fast-growing firms putting region on map

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They feature in the latest list of 1,000 Companies to Inspire Britain – a selection of the brightest and the best put together by the London Stock Exchange Group.

The West Midlands region has performed particularly well, with 80 of the listed companies based in the region and growth averaging 60 per cent a year. In Staffordshire, the list picked out financial services firm Forces Mutual, engineering firm Rudolph + Helllman Automotive, housebuilder Cameron Homes in Chasetown and AP Webb Plant Hire in Stafford.

Wolverhampton is home to a handful of inspiring firms, including family-owned Carvers Building Supplies.

The data from the London Stock Exchange Group found the companies on its list growing on average at 70 per cent a year, up from 50 per cent last year. More than a third came from the Midlands Engine and Northern Powerhouse areas.

Video judging at show aims to beat TB setback

VIRTUAL video judging is to be trialled for the first time at the Staffordshire County Show next month in a bid to ensure cattle farmers don't miss out on showing their star attractions.

Organisers are taking the unusual step after fears that cattle entries for this year's event on May 31 and June 1 may be down because of TB.

It will also offer the opportunity for those who don't normally show their cattle at the event to take part. The show is expected to attract 65,000 visitors over the two days.

Richard Williams, chief executive of Staffordshire & Birmingham Agricultural Society, said other livestock entries were flooding in but organisers felt they needed to try something to ensure a full complement in the cattle classes.

He said: "We will not know the livestock entry numbers until at least two or three days after the closing date on May 1, but early indications are that it will be another record year for both pig and sheep entries.

"I fear cattle entries will once again be adversely affected by TB, so we have decided to introduce a new system – virtual video judging."

Tribute as Price cutlery crusader dies, aged 88

THE chairman of Lichfield's family-owned cutlery and gift firm Arthur Price has died, aged 88.

Tributes have been paid to John Price, hailed for 'leading a crusade for the cutlery industry'.

Arthur Price had recently forged a new relationship with Wolverhampton – with the company sponsoring the luxury bar at the Grand Theatre, known as Arthur's Of The Grand on the dress circle level.

The company supplied more than 1,000 pieces of cutlery and specially commissioned silver holloware pieces including champagne buckets, coasters and cocktail shakers all engraved with the Arthur's Of The Grand logo.

John Price with some cutlery

Family-owned business

The bar named after Arthur Price at the Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton

Titanic

Mr Price, who was the third generation of the family to run the business in Britannia Way, died on April 26 and his funeral was due to take place this week at St Giles Church, Whittington.

Born in Birmingham in December 1928, Mr Price was awarded the OBE in 1997 for services to the cutlery industry. Educated at Repton School, Derbyshire, as a young man he saw active service in Greece with the Durham Light Infantry in 1947 and received a commission in the Worcestershire Regiment the following year.

He joined the family firm, which supplied cutlery for the ill-fated liner Titanic, in 1949, aged 21.

Over the next few years he gained experience running Arthur Price subsidiaries and in 1959, aged 31, he was made managing director.

The 1960s saw Mr Price participate in numerous trips abroad including Australia, Korea and Moscow promoting British business on behalf of trade organisations including the Government and the Confederation of British Industry. Through the early 1970s Mr Price masterminded the creation of the 'largest flatware unit in England' in Saltley, Birmingham and became chairman of Arthur Price when his father stepped down in 1974.

In 1977 Mr Price designed and exclusively supplied cutlery for the supersonic aircraft Concorde and in the same year the company was granted the Royal Warrant by appointment to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

His eldest son Simon, chief executive of the family-firm said: "He led a crusade most of his life for the cutlery industry and when he set his mind to something he did his best to achieve it. Words people have used to describe him include gracious, gentleman, inspirational, lovely and loyal friend."

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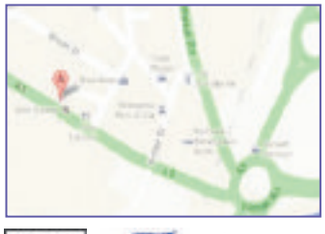

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Green belt campaigners in call for a better Burntwood

A PROTEST group delivered thousands of signatures objecting to plans to build 250 houses on green belt land.

The houses are planned for land near Highfields Road, Burntwood, with the group urging the council to favour plans to build on brownfield sites instead.

By Doug Wootton

Burntwood and Hammerwich Action Group (BHAG) handed hundreds of letters to the spatial policy and delivery department at Lichfield District Council (LDC).

Prior to that, the voluntary group had canvassed door to door every house in the parish, asking residents to sign and address the protest letter with 1,963 participating, with only four refusing, the group says.

Dave King, from BHAG, said: "The plan to build 250 houses on land south of Highfields Road is once again the easy option.

"It shows no initiative or lateral thinking and disrespects Burntwood, again.

"It is a plan drawn up by [property consultancy] First City Limited, of Wolverhampton, with very little in the way of contribution from LDC.

"In their submission First City now suggest that the natural boundary for Burntwood is the Burntwood Bypass and M6 Toll road. This includes a large parcel of green belt adjacent to the Highfield Road site."

Mr King called on the council to look into using brownfield sites instead. He added: "Enough is enough for Burntwood, we want a better Burntwood, not a bigger Burntwood.

"There are exciting opportunities in utilising Brownfield sites in Burntwood.

"The Burntwood Action Group have been working closely with land owners, business owners, retailers, schools and health centres to put together an ambitious plan to finally redevelop the Burntwood town centre at Sankey's Corner, taking the opportunity to include starter homes and apartments so greatly needed in the town."

Staff told of Cameron's expansion ideas

Cameron Homes staff gather at Weston Park for the annual conference

PLANS for fresh growth and investment have been announced by family-owned Chasetown building company Cameron Homes.

The firm, with sister company Galliers Homes, is set to increase its annual turnover to £70 million this year.

About 100 members of staff gathered at Weston Park for the business's annual conference to hear the plans for expansion.

Managing director Ian Burns told them that growth had been exceptional over the last 12 months, with 25 new jobs created, and this was set to continue throughout this year.

"Our operating area is widening away from our traditional area of Staffordshire and we are now building in counties such as Leicestershire and Derbyshire," he said.

Cameron, based in St Judes House, is also looking to recruit across a wide range of disciplines.

Jazz man in anniversary tour show

THE Big Chris Barber Band are in concert at the Lichfield Garrick tomorrow (Friday).

The show, which starts at 7.30pm, is part of a tour celebrating 100 years of jazz.

An icon of traditional jazz in the UK, Barber has been active in the music scene with promoting, recording and releasing music in addition to touring with his band.

The Big Chris Barber Band, features everything from New Orleans to blues to late 1920s Duke Ellington.

Tickets for tomorrow's concert are £23.50. For more information visit www.lichfieldgarrick.com or cal 01543 412121.

Plans sent to council

PLANNING applications received by Lichfield District Council include:

Land adjacent to 58 Leam Drive, Burntwood – erection of one detached bungalow (resubmission of 16/01311/FUL).

8 Tennyson Avenue, Burntwood – single-storey extensions to front including garage conversion to extend existing bedroom and form two new bedrooms.

Tithe Barn Bungalow, Tithe Barn Lane, Gentleshaw – erection of a menage.

Half-term sessions at centre

CHILDREN and young people have the chance to enjoy half-term activities at Burntwood Leisure Centre.

Trampolining and tennis courses are on offer from May 30 to June 4.

There is also fun to be had in the pool, including learning how to swim as part of a group or with one-to-one tuition, and a series of fun sessions with giant inflatables and floats.

Lichfield District Council's Getin2it programme of low-cost activities for young people will also continue over the half-term break, including boxing, skateboarding, multi-sports, parkour and dance. Activities will also be on offer at Friary Grange Leisure Centre.

For the full half-term Holiday Fun programme visit www.activelichfield.co.uk/holidayfun

A milestone date for choir

LICHFIELD Cathedral chamber choir is hosting its 35th anniversary concert on Saturday.

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Sweet! Making sure food does what the label says

STATE-OF-THE-ART laboratories on Wolverhampton's i54 site are making sure the food we eat is safe and does what it says on the label.

The team at Eurofins ensure that all those claims about sugar, fat, fibre and salt on the back on packets are reliable and accurate.

Its reputation has seen the company grow dramatically since the move to the ultra-modern business park five years ago, doubling the workforce at its purpose-built headquarters.

Now, with around 300 people packed into its offices and labs, Eurofins is spending £1.5 million on a two-storey extension to the building.

Eurofins analyst Frank Thomas extracting sugar

Magda Klucz prepping pineapple for testing

Peanuts

Plans for how the extension will be used are being drawn up but general manager Patrick Harte says it will mean a major expansion for the labs testing for allegens, the tiny traces of substances ranging from sesame and mustard seeds, peanuts, sulphates and gluten to lupins, and molluscs, that can spark allergic reactions.

Patrick has been in the job just six months. He previously ran a tomato growing business in Norfolk for Association British Foods and was hired by Eurofins to handle the growth in the company's workload and the development of its i54 site.

The team at i54 handle work for the British Retail Consortium, food standards, accreditations and a range of analytic and advisory projects but the main role is the food and water testing carried out by its 200 laboratory staff for clients ranging from major food producers to the big supermarket chains and retail groups.

"We test for pesticides on fruit and veg, we can identify around 500 different compounds as well as mycotoxins – moulds. As well as testing to ensure food is safe, we analyse its ingredients to ensure information on labels for sugars, proteins, vitamins, fats, salt and so on is all accurate.

"A new field for us is testing alcohol, ensuring that it is not watered down or adulterated in any way," he added.

Major investment in the latest centrifuges and computerised analysis machinery has taken total spending at the site to around £10m since the move to i54 in 2012. It has speeded up the process so that the labs can receive a sample in the morning, be it a potato, tomato or even a pineapple, and get the results back to a customer by the afternoon.

"Speed is important because with fresh produce you have a limited shelf life and our clients need to get them delivered around the country," said Patrick.

"But accuracy is absolutely critical. That is what our reputation is based on.

Our town in 1970s is worth revisiting

SO, the Labour Party manifesto 'drags Britain back into the 1970s'.

Anyone remember Cannock in the 1970s?

A town surrounded by factories and mines which provided decent wages for working men and women. Wages to be spent in a town of money banks not food banks; in a variety of shops not just pound and charity shops and estate agents.

Where potholes were things you explored in Derbyshire and if you needed to see a doctor, you could do so by simply visiting the surgery. You had access to, at least, two hospitals which had matrons and smelled of carbolic.

Where the MEB and Gas Board were the simple options to supply your needs and your water supply was an insignificant cost.

So, would we be dragged back to the 1970s? Yes please!

But let's look at our MP's achievements. She tells us she has campaigned on three issues during the last year. The closure of Rugeley Power Station, the overcrowding on local trains and the fire at Slitting Mill.

Well, Amanda, have i got news for you. they're about to knock down the power station, your party privatised the railways causing the chaos, and the fire's still burning! Well done!

REG EVANS
Via email

County council candidates thank electorate for their support

✘ THE Staffordshire County Council elections have now taken place and I am very pleased to say that I have been re-elected and my colleague Bernard Williams will be joining me in the dual member division.

We are both very much looking forward to carrying on with the projects that have already been started and taking on any new challenges which will come up in the next four years.

I would, however, like to take this opportunity to say directly to the public how much I have appreciated the support I have received from the electorate itself.

As ever, I want to thank my family, friends and colleagues for their unwavering support with my campaign, but a special thank you needs to go to the residents of the Essington division which includes the villages of Great Wyrley, Cheslyn Hay, Essington, Featherstone, Shareshill and Saredon who gave me their absolute support and had the faith in me to vote for me continue as their county councillor. Thank you.

KATH PERRY
County Councillor, Essington division

✘ GRAHAM and Phil would like to sincerely thank all those who voted for us in the recent county council elections in Hednesford, Rawnsley, Cannock Wood, Pye Green and Hawks Green.

Decisions – voters went to the polls throughout Staffordshire

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Over the next four years we will keep our promises to strongly represent our neighbourhoods and work to resolve as many of your issues as we can. We would also like to thank everyone for the warm welcome we received on your doorsteps whilst campaigning, we found a strong community spirit that encouraged us.

We will continue to make ourselves readily available through regular surgeries, phone, social media and email.

PHIL HEWITT AND GRAHAM BURNETT

✘ OUR sincere and heartfelt thanks for the massive support for us in the recent elections.

Our work in and for the community continues building upon the strength of our community spirit to deliver a resilient local community, a sustainable local economy and an improved local environment.

DIST CLLR PAUL WOODHEAD & STUART CRABTREE
Cannock Chase Green Party

✘ I WOULD like to thank all of the people who voted for me in the recent county council elections.

It was an honour and a pleasure to represent Hednesford and Rawnsley for the last four years on the county council.

GEORGE ADAMSON
Cannock

Signing that treaty bred resentment

REGARDING Kevin Tindill's response to my letter referring to the EU ("Politicians ignore voice of the people," May 11), he claims the UK joined the Common Market without a referendum, then in the next sentence claims we joined with a referendum.

I would like to take this opportunity to confirm the latter is correct, the UK held a referendum on EEC (Common Market) membership in which 67 per cent voted in favour of joining. He also said the UK has had two referendums which is correct but only one was on EU membership.

Is he confusing the EEC and the EU? In the UK we have only ever had one EU referendum, which was on June 23, 2016. Perhaps on that occasion the majority voted to leave because when John Major signed the Maastricht Treaty in 1992 and handed British sovereignty to Brussels he did so without the permission of the electorate, a decision that bred resentment. So, to recap: in 1992 the UK joined the EU without a referendum or the permission of the British electorate. In 2016 the UK left the EU with a referendum and the permission of the British electorate. Hope that clears things up.

ANDREW WILLIAMS
Rugeley

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In search of strong ale

AS a Camra member I was really happy when new pubs selling real ale came to Cannock, also pubs already in town started selling cask ale. On a recent visit, however, I found that it hadn't taken long for these pubs to become Cannockised, with no choice of a strong ale, only middle of the road gravity. Alas, it's back to fighting my way through Bloxwich on the bus, to the oasis known as Walsall.

ROGER ALLEN
Great Wyrley

Spring clear-outs fund vital research

I WANT to thank your readers who have been supporting the British Heart Foundation (BHF) this spring by decluttering and donating items from their clear-out to their local BHF shop.

I work at the University of Leicester as a BHF Professor and wanted to tell your readers about my current research project, funded by the BHF.

My team and I are on a mission to discover how to reduce the threat of organ injury or failure in patients after a heart operation. My goal is to develop new treatments and improve people's lives following surgery.

My project is just one of over 1,000 research projects that the BHF currently funds at universities across the UK, investigating every aspect of heart and circulatory disease – from causes and better drugs to improving surgical techniques. Each of these projects are only made possible by the BHF's generous supporters.

If you are yet to have your clear-out or would like to support your local BHF shop at other times of the year, they are always in need of items to fill their rails and shelves so please do keep them in mind for you unwanted items.

PROFESSOR GAVIN MURPHY
BHF funded researcher

Aid policy should be more targeted

MR Graham Wiggin the UKIP candidate for Cannock Chase and Mr Allen of Great Wyrley appear to be singing from the same hymn sheet.

Whilst I share his dismay at financing countries such as China, India and Pakistan which can afford a space programme and nuclear weapons whilst having many needy citizens in those countries, I believe that our foreign aid policy should be more targeted to those who are unable to help themselves.

Personally I am proud that we are able to help those in desperate circumstances. The percentage of money spent on such projects is just 0.7 per cent of Britain's GDP.

In the same way, yes the NHS does cost a lot of money and there is some unnecessary waste. We should scrap the many management teams and Clinical Commissioning Groups.

Strange though that as a so-called civilised society we can always afford billions for machinery to kill people but grumble at dealing with sickness and disease.

On the issue of public sector pensions they are not free, they were partly funded by staff themselves who paid a sizeable proportion of their salary into the schemes and there was no opt-out clause.

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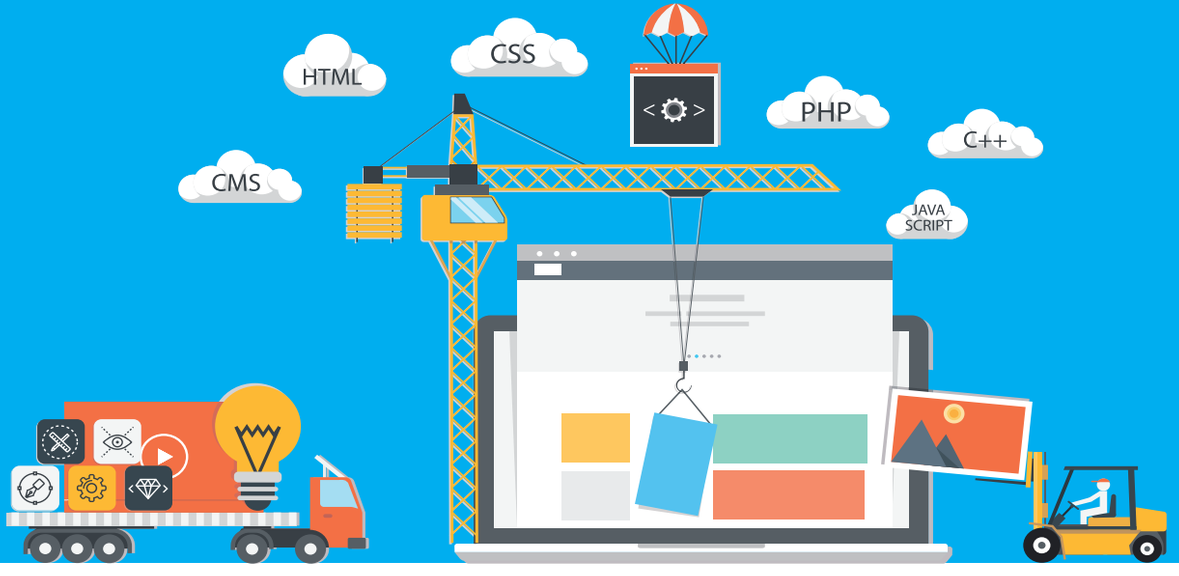

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The Canberra after sliding off the runway at Seighford

A Nene-powered Vampire on Pendeford's grass runway

The Heritage Centre's Vampire after the Buckerburg crash

The Vampire jet ripping chunks of asphalt from runway

Vampire took a big bite out of runway

AT the Radials & Trainers Fly-in at Halfpenny Green Airport, a star visitor was a de Havilland Vampire jet trainer, the last one flying in this country.

As it took off to leave the event the jet exhaust ripped huge chunks of asphalt from the runway, an event captured by the camera of Gary Pearson, a Tettenhall Transport Heritage Centre member.

This was not the first time that this has happened locally. In the 1950s Wobaston Road firm Boulton Paul Aircraft was getting a lot of work modifying Canberra jet bombers which could not use the grass runways at Wolverhampton Airport, Pendeford.

Test

The company decided to use the old wartime airfield at Seighford, near Stafford as its Flight Test Centre, and put a Vampire on the runway to test it.

The little jet ripped the asphalt off, and the company had to re-surface the entire runway.

The Vampire, Britain's second jet fighter, sits very low on the ground, which did not help, but, ironically, was able to use the grass runways at Pendeford when Boulton Paul did some work on the fighter version.

MEMORY LANE

By Alec Brew

Seighford remained in use for nearly 10 years with both Canberras and Lightning jet fighters familiar sights, with only one mishap.

On New Year's Day 1960 Chief Test Pilot Ben Gunn suffered partial undercarriage failure on the Canberra he was testing and had to land with the main wheels only half down.

He slid off the end of the runway and hit a tree stump.

At the Heritage Centre visitors can sample the cockpits of both these aircraft types, there is the nose of one of the many Canberras modified by Boulton Paul, and there is a Vampire Jet trainer, just like the one which left Halfpenny Green with a hefty runway repair. Just one such visitor was David Dennison who travelled all the way from Somerset to sit in the actual Vampire which his father flew, and crashed.

Taking off from Buckerburg in Germany the little jet lost engine power and slid off the end of the runway. Fl Lt Dennison was unhurt and the Vampire was repaired.

David Dennison in the Vampire his father crashed

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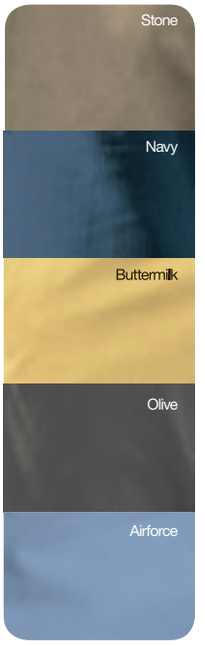

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When the audience screams, it's fantastic

Stephen Mallatratt's adaptation of Susan Hill's best-selling novel, The Woman In Black, has terrified more than million theatregoers since it first opened in the West End.

Robin Herford's gripping production is a brilliantly successfully study in atmosphere, illusion and controlled horror.

The unanimously acclaimed stage production is on the road and will arrive at the Grand Theatre, in Wolverhampton, from Monday until May 27.

The touring cast features David Acton, as Mr Kipps, and Matthew Spencer, as The Actor.

The production's popularity has reached a global level, having toured the United States, South America, Tokyo and Singapore.

In 2012, Susan's novel The Woman in Black was turned into a film starring Daniel Radcliffe, which became the highest grossing British horror movie in 20 years. The sequel to that, The Woman in Black 2: Angel Of Death, came out in 2014.

It tells the story of a lawyer obsessed with a curse that he believes has been cast over him and his family by the spectre of a Woman in Black. He engages a young actor to help him tell his story and exorcise the fear that grips his soul. It begins innocently enough, but as they delve further into his darkest memories, they find themselves caught up in a world of eerie marshes and moaning winds. The borders between make believe and reality begin to blur and the flesh begins to creep.

We caught up with David and Matthew to find out what makes them leap out of their skin – and what they love about The Woman in Black.

Do you believe in ghosts?

Matthew Spencer: "For me, I would say 'ghosts? No way . . .' but I really like to think they're real. I don't like being in the stage right wing of the Fortune Theatre, where the Woman In Black plays in London. It's a little bit cold . . ."

What do you think it is about The Woman in Black that keeps people returning for second, third or more visits?

David Acton: "There's certainly the chill factor, which people love but there are so many reasons. It's a brilliant play, it's extraordinary, and probably cleverer than the writer Stephen Mallatratt had anticipated. What comes out of nothing, an empty theatre arises this beautifully written story with a myriad of different characters and locations all created by the imagination. It's a touching and moving story with a great sadness about it – there's loss, shrieks and bumps along the way but there are laughs and pleasure along the way and the theatricality brings all of that together perfectly."

Matthew Spencer: "You can see the film and you can read the book but this live experience is something you won't get from either of those – there's something magical about the fact that just two people and a few props can create the different settings and play all the characters."

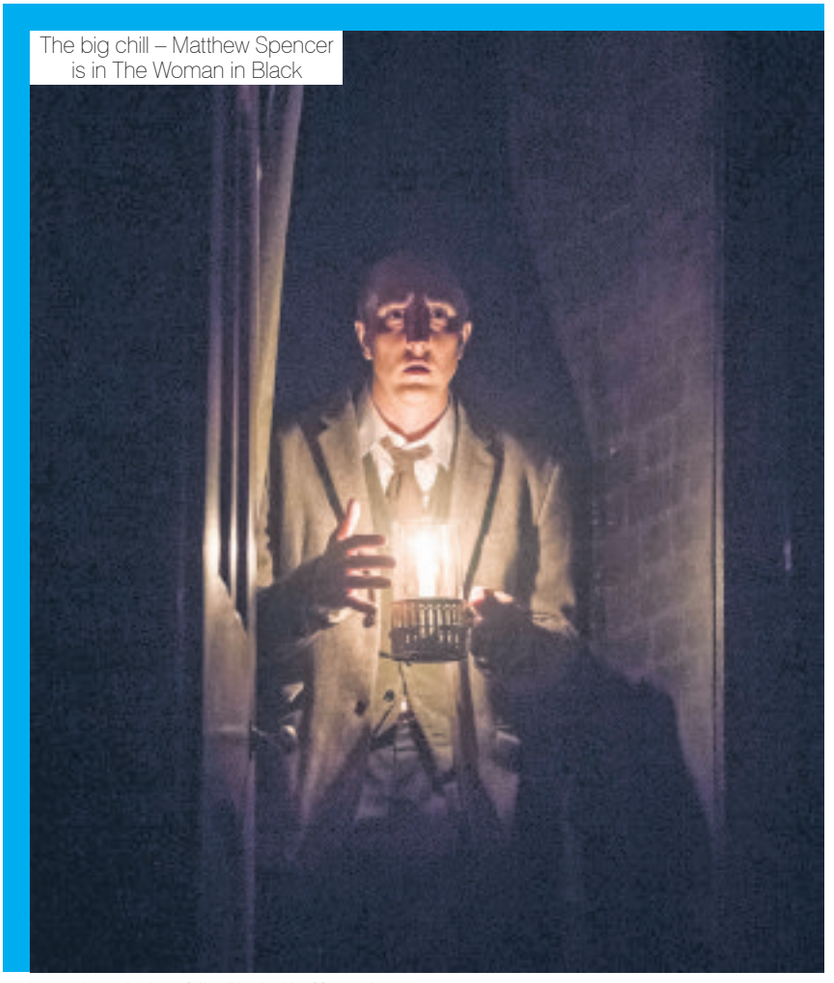
Having played in the small 450 seat Fortune Theatre in London, do you think the dynamic of the play will differ when toured to much larger theatres in the country?

Matthew Spencer: "I think each new venue will bring something entirely new to the piece, for us as well as the audience. The show is very much part of the Fortune Theatre now, but taking it out on tour will be interesting to see what more space or less space does."

David Acton: "I always say for any actor it's important to tour, because if you've played big, small, wide, tall, thin, deep stages you get a real knowledge for how to work different venues."

Whereas horror films are very common, horror plays are almost unheard of. How difficult is it to recreate the horror on stage that can be done rather easily with a computer in a film?

Matthew Spencer: "The play is so well written that a lot of the horror comes right from the text. The start of the play is quite light, it's an opportunity for us as actors to get the audience on board. By the time we start to build up the tension we've hopefully all had a bit of fun, we're all on the same side and then you can really start to get down to business! It's so well constructed that I never feel a pressure to make anyone scared, that just happens. I get excited for, because I know what's coming, and I find that if the audience are laughing loudly at the beginning they're usually screaming loudly half way through!"


The big chill – Matthew Spencer is in The Woman in Black

Is it fun for you, seeing the audience react?

David Acton: "It's great, the screams are fantastic, particularly when we have school groups in! The book is on the curriculum so it's quite often that we'd have a school's matinee and they love to scream and so they scream again, look at each other and scream again!

Matthew Spencer: Equally, it does terrify adults! The reactions are all part of it, and help make it what it is and we live for those moments. It's great to see the power of live theatre working and having the desired effect."

Is there anything in the production that scares you, as actors?

Matthew Spencer: "What scares me more than anything is the theme of the play. I know what's coming and when so for me it's about the loss that the story centres around. The first time we ever did a full run-through on stage at the Fortune Theatre was rather scary, I was genuinely scared with all of the sounds and the lights and I think the people who worked on the show enjoyed making the most of that. Now we're settled into it, I take enjoyment from the audience reactions!"

I don't have nightmares but some actors have had horrible ones

Do you have any post-show rituals that help you to recover from what you've just been through?

Matthew Spencer: "I've mentioned that the structure of the play helps to make the most of the scary moments but in equal parts it helps in a sense that we reach a conclusion. It's a very rounded play, we've told the full circle – there's nothing hanging or unfinished so we're quite satisfied when we're done."

David Acton: "I certainly don't have nightmares but I've heard stories from past actors who have had horrible ones!"

● The Woman in Black is at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from Monday May 22 – 27. Tickets are available in person at the Box Office, by calling 01902 42 92 12 or online at grandtheatre.co.uk.

The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas

Heartbreaking war story will be told through dance

The world premiere of Northern Ballet's The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas will take place in Wolverhampton this month.

The touring ballet company is re-imagining John Boyne's best-selling novel in a heart-breaking brand new production.

The first full-length dance adaptation of this world famous story, will take place in Wolverhampton at the Grand Theatre on May 30 and 31.

Telling the story of an unlikely friendship blossoming through the disturbing events of World War II, The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas sees a child's innocent curiosity lead to a devastating conclusion.

Previously adapted for a 2008 film by Miramax, this world-first dance adaptation will be choreographed by Northern Ballet's Artistic Associate Daniel de Andrade.

It will feature an original score by Oscar-nominated composer Gary Yershon, sets and costumes designed by Mark Bailey and lighting by Tim Mitchell, with Dramatic Coach Patricia Doyle also joining the creative team.

The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas will be the second of an unprecedented three full-length world premières to be held by Northern Ballet in 2017 following the World Première of Casanova in March 2017 and the upcoming World Première of The Little Mermaid in September 2017.

Northern Ballet will also present a children's ballet, Goldilocks and The Three Bears on May 31 at 12:30 and 2:30pm. Tickets cost £11.50 for The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas and £8.50 for Goldilocks and The Three Bears are now on sale now and can be booked in person at the box office, online at grandtheatre.co.uk or by calling 01902 42 92 12.

Thieves now ready to steal a lead

Following the success of their almighty self-titled debut album, Southend's Nothing But Thieves are back on tour as they prepare to release their second album, Broken Machine, later this year.

The first single from it, a soaring rock anthem entitled Amsterdam, marks their stunning return, as they prepare for an already sold out gig at Birmingham's 02 Institute 2 next Friday, May 26.

The band fronted by singer Conor Mason (pictured) in a joint statement say of the new single: "It was inspired by our love of direct, guttural choruses.

"It's like Conor is spitting the words in your face.

"It's visceral and has momentum but also this beautiful moment in the middle which feels like a break in a sea storm.

"We didn't have all the pieces before going in to the studio and this was one of the tracks that really came alive during the recording progress. It pretty much demanded to be our first song."

To say Nothing But Thieves have been on an epic journey over the past 18 months is an understatement.

The Essex band's debut album has sold over 250,000 and has streamed over 174 million tracks globally to date.

The band were chosen to tour with Muse – with whom they certainly share some musical DNA – and have played festivals in Europe, the US and even South Korea, where they played to more than 20,000 people.

The five-piece spent a big chunk of 2016 in America, where their album was the best selling debut that year from any UK rock band, playing shows and performing on TV shows as guests of Conan O'Brien, James Corden and Jimmy Kimmel.

They will be visiting the Digbeth venue as part of their warm up for major festival appearances this summer and shows to support the release of Broken Machine in September.

Gordon as Elvis in tribute to the King

One of the world's top Elvis tributes brings his show – Gordon Hendricks is Elvis – to Stourbridge Town Hall next month. Stoke-born Gordon was propelled into the big time by winning the final of TV show Stars In Their Eyes in 2005. He went on to win the 2011 European Elvis championship and the 2014 Collingwood festival in Canada. His show in Stourbridge on June 3, with full band, features the King's classics from the '50s, 60s and 70s. See www.boroughhalls.co.uk or call 01384 812812.

Your invitation to hear The Wedding Singer

Broadway musical The Wedding Singer, based on the 1998 movie that starred Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore, is at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday, May 23 to 27.

Set in the 1980s with music to match, it stars Jon Robyns (from Memphis and Les Miserablés in the West End) as a disastrous wedding singer facing losing sweet Julia (X Factor's Cassie Compton) to oily Wall Street bad boy Glenn (X Factor's Ray Quinn). But not if Grandma Rosie (Hi-De-Hi's Ruth Madoc) can help it.

Meanwhile, La Cage Aux Folles continues at Birmingham Hippodrome until Saturday, before moving to Wolverhampton Grand from June 27 to July 1, and The Who's rock opera Tommy gets a revamp at Birmingham Rep until May 27.

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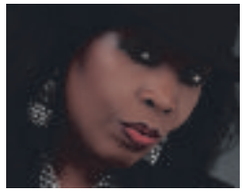

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SATURDAY'S TV MAY 20

CHOICE

Aisling Franciosi (left)

Clique
(BBC1, 10.10pm)
New series. Holly and Georgia have been best friends since the age of 11, so when it came time for them to leave home and head to university, it was obvious they should apply to the same academy. As the pair enjoy their first couple of weeks of freedom, they find themselves drawn to an elite clique of alpha girls, led by lecturer Jude McDermid. Drama, starring Synnove Karlsen, Aisling Franciosi, Sorcha Groundsell, Ella-Rae Smith, Sophia Brown, Rachel Hurd-Wood, Emma Appleton, Harris Dickinson, Peter Bankole, Louise Brealey, Emun Elliott, Chris Fulton, Mark Strepan, Jack Bannon, Nadia Faccenda, Orla Bayne, Evie Brassington, Euan Gilroy and Jasmine Main.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen. **11.30** Mary Berry's Absolute Favourites. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.15 Film:** Wreck-It Ralph. (2012) Animated adventure, with the voice of John C Reilly. **4.45 Film:** Monsters University. (2013) Animated comedy prequel, with the voices of John Goodman and Billy Crystal.

6.20 BBC News.

6.30 Regional Programme.

6.35 Pointless Celebrities. Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman invite figures from the world of musical theatre to take part in the unorthodox general knowledge quiz, in which contestants must guess the least likely correct answers given to questions posed to members of the public. Lyricists Tim Rice and Don Black join forces, while How Do You Solve a Problem Like Maria winner Connie Fisher teams up with her former rival Siobhan Dillon. Former Chicago star Claire Sweeney pairs with comedy actor and one-time Wicked star Nigel Planer, and Cory English, the American actor who recently starred in a UK tour of The producers, collaborates with comedian and Spamalot star Phill Jupitus.

7.25 Doctor Who. The Doctor receives an unexpected appeal for help from the Vatican when the translation of an ancient tome said to cause anyone who reads it to die leaks onto the internet.

8.15 Who Dares Wins. Nick Knowles challenges two pairs of complete strangers to team up, and battle it out to list as much as they know about a given subject.

9.00 Casualty. Hugo runs away when he find out his father Jim is planning to take him back, and Lily returns to work, but fails to notice tell-tale track-marks on her first patient's arm.

9.50 BBC News; Weather.; National Lottery Update.

10.10 Clique. New series. Two best friends are drawn into an elite clique of alpha girls led by lecturer Jude McDermid in their first few weeks at university.

10.55 Clique.

11.40 Film: Insomnia. (2002)

1.35 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.40** BBC News.

BBC2

6.20 Film: The Charge of the Light Brigade. (1936) **8.10 Film:** Kismet. (1955) **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **11.00** Monty Halls' Great Hebridean Escape. (R) **12.00** Great British Menu. (R) **12.30** Great British Menu. (R) **1.00** Hitchcock's Leading Actors: Talking Pictures. (R) **1.30 Film:** North By Northwest. (1959) Hitchcock thriller, starring Cary Grant. **3.45** Flog It! (R) **4.10** Trust Me, I'm a Vet. (R) **5.10** Gardeners' World. (R)

6.10 Natural World. Exploring efforts by conservationists and scientists to protect wildlife including turtles, dolphins and monk seals in Hawaii's surf zone, as its marine animals face a growing threat from washed-up plastic. This comes on top of creatures having to cope with an increasing number of visitors to beaches. With a contribution by Hawaii-born musician Jack Johnson. (R)

7.00 Mexico: Earth's Festival of Life. Exploring the wildlife, landscape and culture in three distinct areas of the country. (R)

8.00 Yorkshire Wolds Way with Paul Rose. Part two of two. Adventurer Paul Rose concludes his exploration of the 79-mile Yorkshire Wolds Way, taking to the skies to get a unique view of its stretch of chalk downland.

8.30 Dad's Army. Captain Mainwaring organises a dance in an attempt to boost platoon morale, but Pike interrupts proceedings to make an important announcement regarding his girlfriend Violet. (R)

9.00 Film: Philomena. (2013) A teenager in 1950s Ireland becomes pregnant, and is sent to a home for "fallen women", while her baby is forcibly taken from her and sent to America to be adopted. Fifty years later, she meets a disillusioned political journalist who helps to reunite her with her son. Fact-based drama, starring Judi Dench and Steve Coogan.

10.35 QI XL. An extended edition, in which question-master Stephen Fry probes the subject of Messing with Your Mind, with Sarah Millican, Tommy Tiernan, Josh Widdicombe and Alan Davies.

11.20 Versailles. King Louis XIV's continued insomnia makes him increasingly volatile. (R)

12.20 Film: Cabaret. (1972) **2.20** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Bottom Knocker Street. **6.10** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.25** Sooty. (1955) **10.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **11.00** Monty Halls' Great Hebridean Escape. (R) **12.00** Great British Menu. (R) **12.30** Great British Menu. (R) **1.00** Hitchcock's Leading Actors: Talking Pictures. (R) **1.30 Film:** North By Northwest. (1959) Hitchcock thriller, starring Cary Grant. **3.45** Flog It! (R) **4.10** Trust Me, I'm a Vet. (R) **5.10** Gardeners' World. (R)

6.15 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.25 ITV News; Weather.

6.45 Take Me Out. A fitness instructor, a pianist, a research executive and a construction worker submit themselves for approval.

8.00 Britain's Got Talent. The audition stage of the nationwide talent contest draws to a close this weekend, as Ant and Dec invite one final batch of auditionees to show off their unique abilities to judges Simon Cowell, David Walliams, Amanda Holden and Alesha Dixon. Next week will see the beginning of the live shows, in which the panel begins the process of whittling down the number of would-be stars they have previously thrown their weight behind throughout the audition process. The Golden Buzzer went unpressed on Saturday 6th May, which means David Walliams and Ant and Dec may still have to right to send an act straight through to the semi-final, but will any of this evening's performers catch their eye?

9.20 The Keith and Paddy Picture Show. Michelle Keegan, Ant and Dec, Phillip Schofield and David Dickinson help Keith Lemon and Paddy McGuinness remake the last film of the original Star Wars trilogy, Return of the Jedi.

9.50 Film: Total Recall. (1990) Sci-fi thriller, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger.

10.50 ITV News; Weather.

11.05 Film: Total Recall. (1990) Concluded.

12.20 Jackpot247. **3.00** Who's Doing the Dishes? (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.15 Motor Sport: Mini Challenge. **6.45** Mobil 1 The Grid. **7.10** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.05** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Frasier. (R) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.25** The Simpsons. (R) **11.55** The Simpsons. (R) **12.30** The Simpsons. (R) **1.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **1.30** Come Dine with Me. (R) **2.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **2.30** Come Dine with Me. (R) **3.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **3.35** A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun. (R) **4.35** Big House, Little House. **5.40** Location, Location, Location. (R)

6.35 Channel 4 News.

7.00 The Restoration Man. George Clarke meets a man in Northumberland who bought a Victorian railway station, with the intention of converting it into a family home. He has managed to keep his budget down by doing all the building work single-handed at weekends, but the project has been threatened by planning restrictions. George also looks into the history of the station, and finds out why it never fulfilled its potential as part of the area's rail network. (R)

8.00 Walks with My Dog. Bill Bailey returns to his West Country roots for a walk on Exmoor with his dog Louie, while Newsnight presenter Kirsty Wark takes in the tranquility of the Isle of Arran. Plus, Julian Clary and his Jack Russell visit the South Downs. Previously seen on More4.

9.00 Film: The Heat. (2013) An uptight, ambitious FBI agent is sent to Boston to bring a notorious drug kingpin to justice. She ends up forced to team up with a rebellious, foul-mouthed local police detective who has a very different attitude to law enforcement but shares her inability to work with others. Action comedy, starring Sandra Bullock and Melissa McCarthy.

11.25 Film: Bullet to the Head. (2012) A hitman and a police detective join forces to seek revenge on the man who murdered both their partners. Action thriller, with Sylvester Stallone.

1.05 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. (R) **1.50** Hollyoaks. (R) **3.55** Location, Location, Location. (R) **4.50** Shipping Wars UK. (R) **5.15** Fifteen to One. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **9.50** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **10.00** The Fairly OddParents. (R) **10.35** The Gadget Show. (R) **11.30** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.30** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.30** Police Interceptors. (R) **2.30** FIA Formula E Live: 2017 Paris ePrix. The Paris ePrix. **4.15** The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door. (R) **5.15** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R)

6.10 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. The officers try to recover £13,000 owed by a high-performance car dealer in Birmingham, and in Wolverhampton the agents chase nearly £2,000 owed to a car hire company. Elsewhere, officers visit a family in Kent to try to collect more than £5,000, but an emotional backstory means they are forced to make a sensitive decision. (R)

7.10 NCIS: Los Angeles. Kensi and Deeks go undercover as a married couple in a quiet suburb as part of an investigation into a Russian sleeper cell.

8.00 NCIS. A 14-year-old boy manages to foil a home invasion, but when Gibbs is called in to investigate, he suspects the teenager may be withholding crucial information. As the case makes progress, Gibbs turns his attention to helping the boy's mother, the wife of a naval officer, and his efforts result in an invitation to the White House to meet the First Lady (Michelle Obama, guest starring as herself). Meanwhile, Director Vance and FBI Agent Fornell travel to London as part of the ongoing case involving the escaped British spies.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Most Shocking Celebrity Moments of the 80s. The most infamous TV moments of the 1980s, including the disastrous Brit awards hosted by Samantha Fox and Mick Fleetwood, Simon Le Bon's nautical misadventures and the concert where Ozzy Osbourne famously bit the head off a bat. With contributions from Anthea Turner, Linda Lusardi, Rick Wakeman, Jennie Bond, Nathan Moore, Su Pollard and Paul Burrell. (R)

11.50 Football on 5: The Playoffs. Bradford City v Millwall.

12.15 SuperCasino. **3.05 Film:** The New Daughter. (2009) **4.50** House Doctor. (R) **5.15** Wildlife SOS. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 Saints and Sinners: Britain's Millennium of Monasteries **8.00** Masters of the Pacific Coast: The Tribes of The American Northwest **9.00** Hinterland **10.30** Top of the Pops: 1983 **11.35** Easy Listening Hits at the BBC **12.40** Glen Campbell: The Rhinestone Cowboy **1.40** An Evening with Glen Campbell **3.00** Easy Listening Hits at the BBC **4.00** Close

ITV2

11.05 Britain's Got Talent **12.25** Britain's Got More Talent **1.30** Take Me Out **2.45** Take Me Out – The Gossip **3.45** You've Been Framed! Gold **4.15 Film:** Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) **5.15** FYI Daily **5.20 Film:** Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) **6.05 Film:** Step Up (2006) **7.05** FYI Daily **7.10 Film:** Step Up (2006) **8.15** Scorpion **9.20** Britain's Got More Talent **10.20** Celebrity Juice **11.20** Family Guy **12.45** American Dad! **1.45** Through the Keyhole **2.35** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **3.00** Teleshopping

ITV3

11.55 Film: Carry On Henry (1971) **1.00** FYI Daily **1.05 Film:** Carry On Henry (1971) **1.45** A Touch of Frost **3.55** Lewis **5.55** Rosemary & Thyme **7.00** Midsomer Murders **9.00** Foyle's War **11.05** Law & Order: UK **2.05** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

11.00 The Classic Car Show **11.55** The Car Chasers **12.55** Counting Cars **1.50** Storage Wars **2.50 Film:** Apache (1954) **3.50** FYI Daily **3.55 Film:** Apache (1954) **4.35 Film:** The Horse Soldiers (1959) **5.35** FYI Daily **5.40 Film:** The Horse Soldiers (1959) **7.00** The Sweeney **8.05** Better Late Than Never **9.00 Film:** Navy Seals (1990) **10.05** FYI Daily **10.10 Film:** Navy Seals (1990) **11.20 Film:** From Dusk Till Dawn (1996) **12.20** FYI Daily **12.25 Film:** From Dusk Till Dawn (1996) **1.25** Quincy ME **2.25** Tommy Cooper **2.55** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

2.20 Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **2.30** The Goldbergs **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** Limitless (2011) **11.05** Gogglebox **1.15** Rude Tube **2.15** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **3.05** How I Met Your Mother **3.50** Charmed

Film4

11.00 The Quick Gun (1964) **1.00** Just Wright (2010) **3.05** Spy Kids 4: All the Time in the World (2011) **4.45** The Four Musketeers (1974) **6.55** One Day (2011) **9.00** Non-Stop (2014) **11.05** Ouija (2014) **12.50** The Breakfast Club (1985) **2.55** Close

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SUNDAY'S TV MAY 21

CHOICE

Michael Gould

The Trial: A Murder in the Family
(Channel 4, 9pm)
New series. Drama-documentary in which a fictional murder case is tried in a real court, with Michael Gould playing defendant Simon Davis in front of a real judge, jury, QCs and expert witnesses. The first episode sees police officers and eye witnesses called on to give testimony and build up a picture of the day the victim was strangled to death in her own home. Continues tomorrow.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Money for Nothing. (R) **2.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.00** Shop Well for Less? (R) **4.00** Lifeline. **4.10** Points of View. **4.25** Songs of Praise. **5.00** RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2017.
6.00 BBC News.
6.20 Regional Programme.
6.30 Countryfile. Matt Baker explores the rise and fall of the orchards in the Clyde Valley. Ellie Harrison explores some of Scotland's oldest forests and meets an urban beekeeper, and Sean Fletcher visits a traditional mill using machinery that is centuries old. Adam Henson and Charlotte Smith visit an agricultural project in Newport Pagnell and Tom Heap reports on the problem of microplastics in the ocean.
7.30 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce presents a second show from Ightham Mote near Sevenoaks, where finds include a gold ring containing a lock of Lord Byron's hair, a collection of postcards from 1916 that reveal how a British PoW sent messages to his family, and a pair of Chinese paintings that make a big impression on specialist David Battie.
8.30 Inspector George Gently. The first of two final cases for the detective, played by Martin Shaw. On the brink of retirement, Gently re-opens the case of a woman convicted of killing her husband, hoping to uncover a long-buried miscarriage of justice. However, the investigation places Gently's career on the line and stirs up tension with Bacchus, who worked on the original investigation.
10.00 BBC News.
10.20 Regional Programme.
10.30 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the final day of the Premier League season, with matches including Hull City v Tottenham Hotspur and Swansea City v West Bromwich Albion.
12.15 Murder in Successville. Professor Green helps DI Sleet with a particularly unusual case as Successville's resident superhero the Rattman battles his arch-enemy the Termite – whose identity is a mystery. **12.45** The Women's Football Show. **1.20** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.25** BBC News.

BBC2

6.05 A to Z of TV Gardening. (R) **6.50** The Instant Gardener. (R) **7.35** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.35** The Beechgrove Garden. **9.05** Countryfile. (R) **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Great British Menu. (R) **12.00** Great British Menu. (R) **1.00** NW200 Highlights. **2.00 Film:** None But the Brave. (1965) Second World War adventure, starring Frank Sinatra. **3.45** Galapagos – Islands of Change: Natural World. (R) **4.30** Final Score. **5.30** Flog It! (R)
6.00 Inside the Factory: How Our Favourite Foods Are Made. The exploration of three household staples continues as Gregg Wallace goes inside a chocolate factory in York, which produces a staggering seven million bars every day. He follows the 24-hour journey from bean to bar and meets the people who work round the clock. Cherry Healey helps out on a production line in Derbyshire, where chocolate boxes are still made by hand, and historian Ruth Goodman delves through the archives to find out what it was like working in factories before machines took over. (R)
7.00 Dragons' Den. Evan Davis presents the business ideas contest, with the panel considering the potential of plans for miniature pencils, giant beanbags and boot-cleaning machines. (R)
8.00 Mexico: Earth's Festival of Life. The deserts of Mexico's northern region, home to animals like prairie dogs, pygmy owls and aplomado falcons that have adapted to thrive in these arid conditions. Last in the series.
9.00 Dara and Ed's Road to Mandalay. Dara O Briain and Ed Byrne arrive in Myanmar, where they take part in a Buddhist festival and have their fortunes read before finally reaching Mandalay. Last in the series.
10.00 Film: The Homesman. (2014) Premiere. A frontier woman persuades an outlaw to help her lead three traumatised women across the wilderness. Western, directed by and starring Tommy Lee Jones, with Hilary Swank.
11.55 Film: Love Is All You Need. (2012) Romantic drama, with Pierce Brosnan and Trine Dyrholm.
1.45 Sign Zone: Question Time. (R) **2.45** Holby City. (R) **3.45** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Bottom Knocker Street. **6.10** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.25** Scooby. (R) **6.35** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **6.40** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **7.00** Oddbods. (R) **7.05** Marvel Avengers Assemble. (R) **7.30** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **7.55** Ben 10. **8.10** Ben 10. **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** Countrywise. (R) **10.00** Peston on Sunday. **11.00** Judge Rinder. (R) **12.00** ITV News; Weather. **12.05** Tipping Point. (R) **1.05** Who's Doing the Dishes? (R) **2.05** The Chase. (R) **3.05** Britain's Got Talent. (R) **4.20 Film:** The Man with the Golden Gun. (1974) James Bond adventure, starring Roger Moore and Christopher Lee.
6.40 Regional Programme; Weather.
6.45 ITV News; Weather.
7.00 Bigheads. Jason Manford hosts the comedy game show in which contestants compete in a series of bizarre physical challenges while wearing giant model heads of Donald Trump, Theresa May, and David and Victoria Beckham. They must dodge past giant bouncers to get into a nightclub, fight over microphones to record a single, and get away before the paparazzi see them. With commentary from Jenny Powell and Kriss Akabusi.
8.00 The Durrells. Hugh organises a cricket match between Greek and English teams to bring everyone together. Countess Mavrodaki offers to umpire – but warns Margo that contests between the two nations are never friendly. Spiro advises Louisa that she has terrible taste in men, while Larry finds that Vasilia wants their relationship to progress faster than expected.
9.00 Grantchester. Sidney joins a travellers' community as he struggles to put his past life in Grantchester behind him, but finds himself accused of murder and in need of Geordie's help.
10.00 ITV News; Weather.
10.20 Peston on Sunday. Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston. Allegra Stratton presents a guide to the latest issues on social media. (R)
11.20 Premiership Rugby Union. Mark Durden-Smith and David Flatman present highlights of the semi-finals.
12.15 Lethal Weapon. (R) **1.00** Jackpot247. **3.00** Motorsport UK.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 Motor Sport: Caterham. **6.40** European Taekwondo Championships. **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** Eat the Week. **1.30** The Simpsons. (R) **2.00 Film:** Dr Dolittle 2. (2001) Comedy sequel, starring Eddie Murphy. **3.50 Film:** Robin Hood. (1973) Disney animation, with the voices of Terry-Thomas and Peter Ustinov. **5.30** George Clarke's Old House, New Home. (R)
6.30 Channel 4 News.
7.00 Flat Pack Mansions. Documentary following people who are building huge luxury houses out of prefabricated materials on a tight schedule, with the homes designed to be environmentally efficient. Pizza restaurant entrepreneurs Richard and Nikki Cooper plan to build a 5000-square foot home in just four days, David and Lesley Lennox rush to complete their build before their daughter's wedding, and Paul Cook is constructing his dream house on a cliff top.
8.00 Cabins in the Wild with Dick Strawbridge. New series. Eight teams transform cabins across Wales into luxury tourist accommodation, which together will form a pop-up hotel that can be moved around the country.
9.00 The Trial: A Murder in the Family. New series. Drama-documentary in which a fictional murder case is tried in a real court, with Michael Gould playing the defendant in front of a real judge, jury and QCs. Continues tomorrow.
10.05 Gogglebox. Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (R)
11.00 Film: Bad Teacher. (2011) A cynical, hard-drinking teacher hopes to seduce a wealthy substitute, making an enemy of a squeaky-clean colleague in the process. Comedy, with Cameron Diaz and Justin Timberlake.
12.50 Millionaires' Mansions: Designing Britain's Most Exclusive Homes. (R) **1.45** The Last Leg. (R) **2.40** Location, Location, Location. (R) **3.35** Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb. **4.30** Jamie's Comfort Food Bites. (R) **4.40** KOTV Boxing Weekly. **5.05** Gillette World Sport. **5.35** Mobil 1 The Grid. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Milkshake! Monkey. **6.05** Mr Men. **6.15** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.20** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.25** Wissper. (R) **6.35** Paw Patrol. (R) **6.45** Bob the Builder. (R) **7.00** Fireman Sam. (R) **7.10** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **7.15** Olly the Little White Van. (R) **7.20** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.35** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.00** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **8.15** Wissper. (R) **8.30** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.45** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.05** Little Princess. (R) **9.25** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.30** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.40** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.55** The Fairly OddParents. (R) **10.30** Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud. (R) **10.55** Police Interceptors. (R) **11.55** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.55 Film:** Fletch Lives. (1989) **2.45 Film:** Willow. (1988) Fantasy adventure, starring Warwick Davis. **5.10 Film:** Labyrinth. (1986) Fantasy adventure, starring Jennifer Connelly and David Bowie.
7.05 Film: Walking on Sunshine. (2014) Premiere. A woman has a whirlwind romance in Italy and decides to get married. Her sister flies out to attend the wedding, but is shocked to discover that the groom is the man she loved and lost on a previous holiday. Musical comedy featuring a soundtrack of 1980s pop songs, starring Hannah Arterton and Greg Wise.
8.55 5 News Weekend.
9.00 Greatest 80s Movies. Ronni Ancona narrates a countdown of viewers' favourite films from the decade, including ET, Top Gun, Ghostbusters, Beverly Hills Cop and Ferris Bueller's Day Off. Christopher Lloyd chats about playing Doc Brown in the Back to the Future franchise, Breakfast Club star Judd Nelson reveals what life was really like in the Brat Pack and Corey Feldman recalls the first time he saw the pirate ship on the set of The Goonies. Zach Galligan shares the secrets of how the mogwai were brought to life in Gremlins and Paul Hogan talks about the success of Crocodile Dundee. (R)
11.55 Film: Highlander. (1986) Immortal warriors must fight each other in duels to the death through the centuries, until only one survives. Fantasy action adventure, with Christopher Lambert and Sean Connery.
2.00 SuperCasino. **3.10** Top 20 Funniest. (R) **4.00** Criminals: Caught on Camera. (R) **4.50** House Doctor. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 The Birth of British Music **8.00** Timeshift: The Last Days of Steam **9.00** Tutankhamun: The Truth Uncovered **10.00** Arena: American Epic **11.00** Country at the BBC **12.00** The Secret Horse: Quest for the True Appaloosa **1.00** Burma, My Father and the Forgotten Army **2.00** Horizon: Man on Mars – Mission to the Red Planet **3.00** Tutankhamun: The Truth Uncovered **4.00** Close
ITV2
11.45 Take Me Out **1.00 Film:** A Cinderella Story (2004) **2.00** FYI Daily **2.05 Film:** A Cinderella Story (2004) **3.05 Film:** Space Chimps (2008) **4.05** FYI Daily **4.10 Film:** Space Chimps (2008) **4.40** Britain's Got Talent **5.55** Britain's Got More Talent **6.55 Film:** Red Riding Hood (2011) **7.55** FYI Daily **8.00 Film:** Red Riding Hood (2011) **9.00** Take Me Out – The Gossip **10.00** Family Guy **11.30** American Dad! **12.25** The Cleveland Show **1.25** Through the Keyhole **2.15** Alesha Dixon: The Hot Desk **2.25** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen
ITV3
11.50 Film: Columbo: The Greenhouse Jungle (1972) **1.20** A Touch of Frost **3.40** Foyle's War **5.55** Midsomer Murders **8.00** Royal Stories **9.00** The Queen's Garden **10.00** Law & Order: UK **12.05** Wire in the Blood **3.20** May the Best House Win **5.05** In Loving Memory
ITV4
11.15 Live British Touring Car Championship. **6.00** Storage Wars **6.55** Fishing Impossible **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Heroes and Villains: Caught on Camera **10.00 Film:** Driven to Kill (2009) **11.00** FYI Daily **11.05 Film:** Driven to Kill (2009) **12.05** River Monsters **1.05** Minder **2.05** Fifth Gear **3.00** Teleshopping
E4
11.35 The Goldbergs **1.30** Black-ish **2.00** Baby Daddy **2.30** Kevin Can Wait **3.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **3.25** The Big Bang Theory **6.45 Film:** The Three Musketeers (2011) **9.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **10.00** Rude Tube **11.00** 8 Out of 10 Cats **11.50** Tattoo Fixers on Holiday **2.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **2.45** Rude Tube **3.10** New Girl **3.30** Hollyoaks
Film4
11.00 Guadalcanal Diary (1943) **1.00** Diary of a Wimpy Kid (2010) **2.50** Time Bandits (1981) **5.05** Johnny English (2003) **6.45** Shallow Hal (2001) **9.00** The Gunman (2015) **11.15** Rush (2013) **1.35** Love & Other Drugs (2010) **3.50** Close

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PICK OF THE WEEK

Series hopes that it won't prove to be a tough sell

If you haven't seen the trailers for this new sitcom starring former Inbetweeners James Buckley and Joe Thomas, it may come as a surprise to learn that the 'white gold' of the title refers to the PVC on double-glazed windows. But it's an idea that the show's creator, writer and director Damon Beesley is very familiar with.

Beesley, who along with Ian Morris came up with The Inbetweeners, explains: "White Gold has lived in my head for thirty years. Ever since I heard my father describe the UPVC plastic which framed the double-glazed windows he sold as being 'as valuable, gram for gram as gold' I was captivated.

"My dad was a double-glazing salesman in the early days of the industry, before double glazing salesman became the national pariahs that we all know and loathe. But back then, in the early 80s, white plastic windows were a status symbol of upward mobility."

And it's that era that provides the backdrop for this show, as it takes us back to the Essex of 1983. Beesley sets the scene, saying: "While the miners' strikes, picket-line riots and police brutality defined the story of the working classes across the land, in the South East business was booming. Under Thatcher's Tory government, the national stock of council housing was effectively put up for sale with the introduction of the right to buy scheme.

"And so a revolution of homeownership was born, and in this brave new world of individualism there was no better way to show the neighbours that you owned the house you lived in than getting shiny new double glazed windows fitted."

Of course, he also had a personal connection to this world. "As a kid, I remember visiting the showrooms that my dad worked in and being fascinated by the charismatic, brash and well-groomed young men that sat around all day laughing, smoking Rothman's cigarettes, drinking tea, and occasionally selling to customers.

"As a grown-up writer, there was something about these characters that stuck with me. These working-class men, with the gift of the gab and a hunger to succeed felt like a great way into the early 80s that maybe hadn't been explored before."

In White Gold, we're introduced to Vincent Swan (Ed Westwick), double glazing salesman extraordinaire. He's handsome, confident and prepared to do whatever it takes to get a sale.

His team at Cachet Windows also includes Fitzpatrick (Buckley), who can charm people out of their life savings, and Lavender (Thomas), whose politeness and moral compass tend to be a hindrance when it comes to securing a sale.

In the first episode, Fitzpatrick becomes the subject of a bet as he tries to pull the ultimate salesman's con – selling new windows to someone who's recently shelled out for the exact same product. Meanwhile, Vincent has his own challenge to deal with as he attempts to convince an old colleague to join him in the double-glazing business.

Ed Westwick stars in White Gold, Wednesday, BBC2, 10pm

FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
Django Unchained, Channel 5, 10pm
A slave named Django is tracked down by eccentric German bounty hunter Dr King Schultz, who offers him his freedom in exchange for help bringing three criminals to justice. The unlikely allies continue their partnership after the job is done, and fight to rescue Django's wife from a sadistic plantation owner. Quentin Tarantino's Oscar-winning Western, starring Jamie Foxx and Christoph Waltz. (2012)

TUESDAY
Perfect Seduction, Channel 5, 3.15pm
Despite having left his girlfriend behind in New York City for a promotion in Portland, Brandon hopes that they can make things work long-distance. But his new co-worker Simone has other ideas and she impersonates both Brandon and his absent girlfriend in order to end their relationship. Thriller, starring Adrienne Frantz, Jon Cor and Ashley Leggat. (2015)

Django Unchained, Monday, Channel 5, 10pm

WEDNESDAY
Whiteout, Channel 4, 1.50am
A troubled US marshal stationed in Antarctica investigates the first-ever murder committed on the continent. As she pursues the killer across the ice, she uncovers the dark secret behind a Soviet plane crash 50 years earlier – but the harsh conditions could kill her before the murderer does. Thriller, starring Kate Beckinsale. (2009)

THURSDAY
Guilty at 17, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A teenager believes her friend when she lies about being sexually harassed by a teacher, and falsely claims to have witnessed an incident. When the accused teacher commits suicide, she is consumed with guilt and begins to suspect she has been deceived. Crime drama, starring Erin Sanders. (2014)

FRIDAY
She's Out of My League, BBC1, 11.25pm
Distinctly average Kirk cannot believe his luck when he lands a date with the beautiful Molly. The pair embark on a relationship but Kirk's insecurities lead him to question whether they belong together. Romantic comedy, starring Jay Baruchel. (2010)

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
Prince Philip: 70 Years of Service
ITV, 9pm
It was recently announced that Prince Philip is to step down from public duties – and given that he's 95, it would be hard to grudge him his retirement. In this documentary, Alan Titchmarsh looks back at the Duke of Edinburgh's 70 years in the spotlight, which saw him go from a naval officer to the longest-serving royal consort in British history. Titchmarsh has interviewed Prince Philip on several occasions, and he shares his insights into the man credited with helping to modernise the royal family. He also hears from some of those closest to him and gets a chance to see the Duke ëoff-duty' at the recent Royal Windsor Horse Show, and the programme asks what his decision will mean for the monarchy.

TUESDAY
Broken
BBC1, 9pm
Sean Bean has been fortunate to work with screenwriter Jimmy McGovern already on drama anthology Accused, which scored him a BAFTA nomination. And the pair have joined forces again for this new landmark drama, which follows Fr Michael Kerrigan (Bean), the modern, maverick and reassuringly flawed parish priest in an impoverished working-class community. Over six episodes, we will see Fr Kerrigan trying to make a difference in his parishioners' lives, while struggling coming to terms with his own troubled past and testing vocation. Tonight, Fr Michael meets Christina Fitzsimmons (Anna Friel), a mother of three who works at the local betting shop. When her attendance in Church sparks an unfortunate chain of events, she is left with no way to feed her children and comes up with a desperate plan. Will she go through with it, or can Fr Michael offer the family a lifeline?

WEDNESDAY
The Met: Policing London
BBC1, 9pm
New series. Documentary following officers from Britain's biggest and busiest police force as they deal with life, death, crime and its victims across London. In the first episode, police constables Laura Walker and Oz Bhatti patrol the streets of Westminster, but are later called upon as back up when an impromptu summer party in Hyde Park descends into chaos. Meanwhile in Stratford, East London, Sergeant Vicky Kneale responds to concerns from local residents about the borough's prostitution problem.

THURSDAY
Paula
BBC2, 9pm
According to the old proverb, revenge is a dish best served cold. Try telling that to the title character of this new, three-part drama, which is the first TV project for acclaimed Olivier and Tony award-winning playwright Conor McPherson. There is nothing cold here – calculating, yes, but it's all done with fire and passion. Paula is a Dublin-based science teacher. She's respected by her colleagues and pupils, but her life is about to spiral dangerously out of control when she meets James, a decidedly dodgy wheeler dealer. He arrives at her home to sort out a rat infestation, but stays for a torrid one-night stand. Paula is then drawn into his murky world, and suddenly, she can't escape from him – and his actions have an impact on her job, family and friends. But how far will she go to get James out of her life?

Paula, Thursday, BBC2, 9pm

FRIDAY
Count Arthur Strong
BBC1, 8.30pm
This sitcom only seems to crop up at two yearly intervals – the previous series were broadcast in 2013 and 2015 – so it's easy for viewers to forget just how entertaining Steve Delaney's alter ego can be. Still, last week's opening episode served as a welcome reminder of the out-of-work actor and showbiz legend (in his own mind least) Count Arthur Strong's charms, and there are more laughs this week as John the Watch's former criminal associates start taking an interest in Bulent's café. But which of the breakfast options will they prefer?

Lethal Weapon
ITV, 9pm
While investigating a series of violent crimes connected to a church, Riggs faces a moral dilemma of his own when the first anniversary of Miranda's death sends him to a new low.

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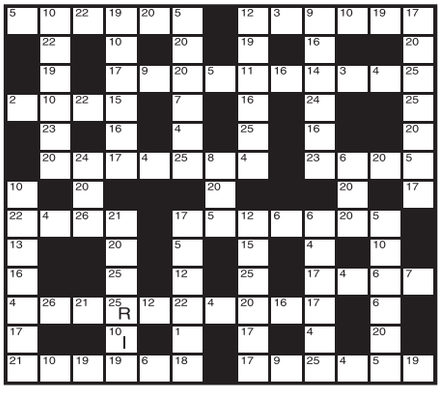

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Double Crossword

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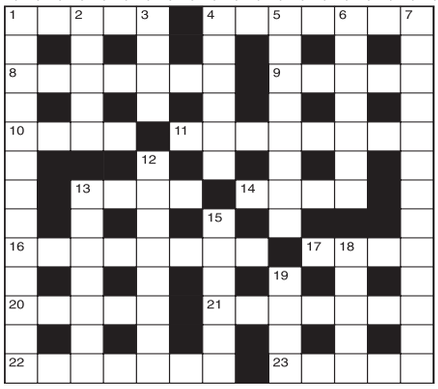

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Booth Farm accommodation (5)
4. Where clinkers are found, path is diverted to the south (3,4)
8. Its name is changed by the occupants (7)
9. The rubbish that people are willing to swallow! (5)
10. A very small coin for a tiny child (4)
11. See 13 down
13. Unusually old, turnip-headed numskull (4)
14. See 23 Across
16. Made a signal - gets rude, maybe (8)
17. Not being used as an image, we hear (4)
20. Lawn is attractive when put back (5)
21 & 5 Dn Those who take a cold bath don't find themselves in trouble (3,4,3,5)
22. Group not charged - allowed to leave (3,4)
23 & 14Ac. Much comes from splendid distribution of cards (5,4)

Down

1. They record earth-shaking events (13)
2. Let in to make a confession (5)
3. This fills the cracks in the instrument (4)
4. Some of the plans were to hide the solution (6)
5. See 21 Across
6. Letter of introduction (7)
7. In the main it's back to front (5-8)
12. Fish to be all at sea! (8)
13 & 11Ac. Far-flung tale from remote connection (7,8)
15. Animal used in hunting the first of the buzzards, a bird of prey (6)
18. Lacking smartness - needs to be sorted out (5)
19. Kind of party forming part of the fiesta, gentlemen (4)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Stage furnishings (5)
4. Artist (7)
8. Praise insincerely (7)
9. Bewitch (5)
10. Large jug (4)
11. Rider (8)
13. Merit (4)
14. Impure (4)
16. Hand over (8)
17. Joy (4)
20. Semi-precious stone (5)
21. Colossal (7)
22. Builder (7)
23. Squeeze (5)

Down

1. Discriminate (13)
2. Pursue (5)
3. Roster (4)
4. Rector (6)
5. Cut (8)
6. Obstruct (7)
7. Recollections (13)
12. Expectation (8)
13. Issue (7)
15. Epistle (6)
18. Spear (5)
19. Halt (4)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 3 Addresses; 8 Tour; 9 Deduction; 10 Rubber; 11 Metre; 14 Loose; 15 Ever; 16 Right; 18 Nuns; 20 Rules; 21 Doubt; 24 Martin; 25 Defaulted; 26 Toil; 27 Otherwise. Down: 1 Startling; 2 Dumbfound; 4 Deer; 5 Route; 6 Satire; 7 Eros; 9 Defer; 11 Might; 12 Evolution; 13 Presently; 17 Tread; 19 Solace; 22 Below; 23 Left; 24 Mess.
QUICK - Across: 3 Spectator; 8 Norm; 9 Accoutred; 10 Intact; 11 Penal; 14 Niche; 15 Lame; 16 Deter; 18 Thor; 20 Eager; 21 Reach; 24 Decant; 25 Bilateral; 26 Slur; 27 Blandness. Down: 1 Indignity; 2 Protector; 4 Pact; 5 Close; 6 Astral; 7 Over; 9 Acted; 11 Patch; 12 Laughable; 13 Territory; 17 Repel; 19 Remain; 22 Clean; 23 Bill; 24 Dais.

Quiz

1. What do we call the scavenger bird Corvus corax?
2. What is the capital of Australia's Northern Territory?
3. What is the main constituent of the alloy pewter?
4. Which plant is the Scottish national symbol?
5. What is the capital of Chechnya?
6. What is traditionally the official residence of the Chancellor of the Exchequer?
7. What was boxer Joe Louis's nickname?
8. Which cotton fabric is named after the Iraqi city Mosul?
9. What is the name of the Atlantic-Pacific sea route around the north of Canada?
10. Which Broadway award is named after actress and producer Antoinette Perry?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Magnetic field; 2 Marcel Marceau; 3 Guernsey; 4 Green Monkey Disease; 5 A loofah; 6 Christian Scientists; 7 Egypt; 8 Joan Collins; 9 Gasoline; 10 Euripides.

Niner: UPHOLSTER

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

7629183 gives a tube station,
457453 gives a second tube station,
89154 gives a commuter town.

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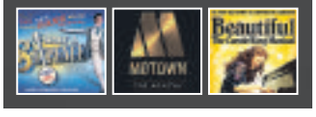

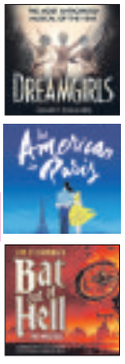

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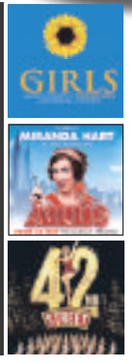

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Zagreb – Croatia's charming capital

ZAGREB is one of Europe's youngest capital cities, as the cultural and administrative hub for Croatia, which finally gained independence in 1991 after the collapse of Communist Yugoslavia.

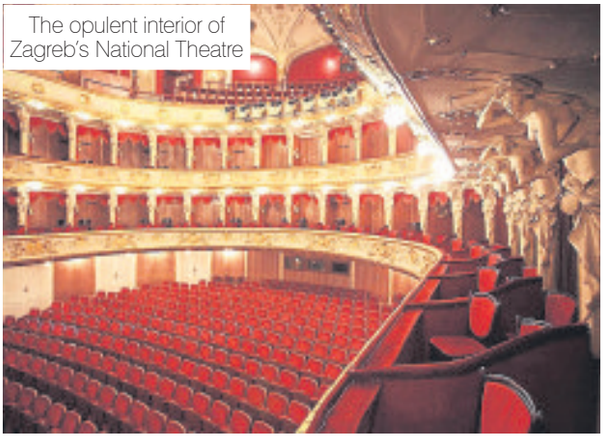
Located between the River Sava and the slopes of Medvednica Mountain and known as 'Little Vienna', the city's main public buildings, shopping arcades, elegant apartments and picture perfect parks were built after an earthquake in 1880. They were constructed in the opulent style befitting one of the major cities of the Austro-Hungarian empire.

The city is festooned with statuary. Even the most humble facade is not complete without some caryatid or god-like adornment watching over the streets below. In modern folklore it is said that these guardians of the urban environment sometimes climb down for a stroll in the wee hours. It's a pity they couldn't catch the graffiti artists whose tags are everywhere, a scourge that affects many European cities.

Modern office towers now compete in size with the suburban high-rise blocks thrown up to house workers during the boom years of Marshall Tito's Yugoslavia. But the twin towers of the city's neo-Gothic cathedral, also constructed after the earthquake, still dwarf all other contenders as Zagreb's tallest building.

The city is built on two hills, the Gradec and Kaptol. The former has St Mark's Church with its colourful tiled roof showing coats of arms for Croatia's regions (including the red and white checks familiar from the national football team shirt). It is flanked by the president's palace and the Croatian Parliament. It is reached by a funicular cliff railway, or steep steps or a road that climbs through the Stone Gate, a medieval gateway/chapel containing an icon of the Virgin Mary and baby Jesus that is venerated by devout Catholics. Kaptol has the Cathedral and vibrant daily Dolac Market.

St Mark's Church and its colourful tiled roof



The opulent interior of Zagreb's National Theatre

Between the hills is Tkalciceva, a long street lined by restaurants and bars. Try Strukli, a savoury or sweet Zagreb dish that is somewhere between lasagne and bread and butter pudding, or a glass of the outstanding local beer Pivovara Medvedgrad's Fakin IPA.

Croatia may be a new state but the Croatian identity and language goes back centuries. The strong pride in the achievements of this small nation perhaps explain the incredible plethora of museums and art galleries.

With most visitors to Croatia heading for the coast, and the city's own population numbering well under a million, you are not going to be swamped by crowds.

Highlights include: The Museum of Broken Relationships; donated items, from an axe used to smash up a cheating girlfriend's furniture to a mother's suicide note, illustrate touching stories (in English) collected from around the world. This poignant exhibition will not leave you unmoved.

Mimara; a vast and highly varied collection of art and valuable objects collected by Wiltrud and Ante Topić Mimara and housed in a palatial former school.

Museum of Arts and Crafts; the religious icons and wooden statues are in themselves worth the visit, but there is much, much more.

Croatian Museum of Naive Art; colourful folk art meets Balkan surrealism.

Zagreb can easily be explored on foot, if footsore, hop onto a tram, tickets from the many Tisak kiosks. Save some kuna with a 24 or 72-hour Zagreb card which offers use of the ZET city transportation (trams, buses, funicular), admission to four museum/galleries and the zoo, plus discounts for other attractions.

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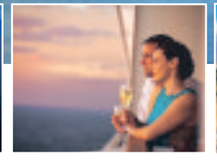

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YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO HOME BUYING AND LETTING

Four-bedroomed home has been much improved

Being considerably extended and improved, this four-bedroomed detached family home, 80 Old Penkridge Road, Cannock, lies in a much sought-after area close to the Shoal Hill district of Cannock Chase with Cannock Park to the rear.

It is for sale through Boot & Son at £399,950.

It has a porch, reception hall, a lounge, dining room, a refitted breakfast kitchen, utility room, cloakroom, integral garage, conservatory, en-suite bathroom, family bathroom, four bedrooms, part double glazing, gas central heating, well stocked gardens and extensive off-road parking.

In more detail a hardwood front door with stained glass opens to the central reception hall with a storage cupboard/cloaks room off. The lounge has a leaded light stained glass bay window, an oak feature fire surround incorporating a marble/granite hearth and inset gas fire and a leaded light window with leaded light stained glass top lights. The dining room has a feature fire surround having a granite hearth and an electric fire.

Being part tiled, the refitted breakfast kitchen has an extensive range of oak fronted units, plumbing for an automatic dishwasher, integrated fridge, ceramic tiled floor, electric eye-level double oven, five burner gas hob and an oven hood/extractor.

The conservatory has a ceramic tiled floor and a light/fan unit. The utility room has base units, splash-back tiling and plumbing for an automatic washing machine. The cloakroom/WC has a white/chrome suite.

Upstairs bedroom one has a walk-in built-in wardrobe and a fully tiled en-suite bathroom with twin hand basins, panelled bath with electric shower over, low flush WC, extractor fan and wall-mounted mirror. Bedroom two has a bay window and picture rail. Bedrooms three and four also have picture rails. Including a Jacuzzi bath, the bathroom has a white and chrome suite and a fully tiled shower cubicle.

Outside the property has well-stocked gardens, extensive lawns, a decorative gravelled driveway, paths and a courtyard, a fruit tree and soft fruit bushes. The rear garden is enclosed.

CANNOCK £399,950

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First floor apartment on popular development

BRIDGTOWN
£106,950

A contemporary first floor apartment in the highly sought-after Bellway Homes development in Dorney Place, Bridgtown, Cannock, is for sale through Paul Carr at £106,950.

With central heating and double glazing, the apartment has an entrance hallway with a useful storage cupboard and doors off leading to the family bathroom, a master (with built in wardrobes) and second bedrooms. An open plan living/dining room leads through into the kitchen area with a built-in oven and hob and a range of fitted wall and base units. There is also a pleasant double aspect balcony which is accessed via the living area.

The apartment has an allocated parking space and there is visitor parking available.

Contact Paul Carr on 01543 686 444.

Two-bedroom bungalow on corner plot in popular area

HEDNESFORD
£169,950 <<<

A lovely two-bedroomed bungalow on a corner plot with gardens, 18 Viewfield Avenue, Hednesford, lies in a popular and convenient area.

It is for sale through Boot & Son at £169,950.

It has an entrance hall with laminate flooring and a cloaks cupboard, a lounge, a kitchen with base units, laminate working surfaces, wall cupboards, an electric built-in oven, gas hob, oven hood, storage cupboard, and plumbing for an automatic washing machine, a side entrance with an enclosed porch, an inner hall, two bedrooms and a shower room.

Outside is a detached garage and a driveway. The corner plot gardens incorporate extensive lawns.

The rear garden is enclosed with screen walling and hedging.

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Bathroom | EPC Rating C
£125,000

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Dining Room | Parking
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REDUCED
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Kitchen
3 Bedrooms
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CANNOCK ROAD
REDUCED
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Semi Detached | GCH & DG
House | Rear Garden
Lounge | Parking
Kitchen | EPC Rating C
3 Bedrooms
£600 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

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Town House | Heating
Lounge | Double Glazing
Kitchen | Rear Garden
2 Bedrooms | Parking
Bathroom | EPC Rating D
£550 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEATH HAYES
REMBRANDT CLOSE
NEW
Unfurnished | Heating
Town House | Double Glazing
Lounge | Rear Garden
Kitchen | Parking
2 Bedrooms | EPC Rating E
Bathroom
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CANNOCK
FOXES RAKE
NEW
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Town House | Heating
Lounge | Double Glazing
Kitchen | Rear Garden
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Bathroom | EPC Rating C
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Unfurnished | Bathroom
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House | Double Glazing
Lounge | Garden
Kitchen | Parking
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Lounge | Parking
Kitchen | EPC Rating D
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Bathroom
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- Gas central heating and double glazed
- Lounge/diner
- Kitchen
- Guest cloakroom
- Master bedroom with en suite
- Family bathroom
- Enclosed rear garden and parking
- EPC rating C

£159,000

HEATH HAYES
CHARLOCK GROVE

- Three bedroom detached
- Lounge, Conservatory
- Fitted Kitchen
- Fitted Bathroom
- Guest WC
- Garage & Driveway
- Gas central heated
- NO CHAIN
- Awaiting EPC rating

£209,995

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PROPERTY

Immaculate four-bed house on large corner plot

This immaculately presented four-bedroomed semi-detached house in Redwood Drive, Chase Terrace, Burntwood, is set on a large corner plot.

It is for sale through Lovett & Co at £210,000.

The property has been finished to a high standard throughout and benefits from a large ground floor extension with a superb open plan living area. Other stand-out features of the property include a high-spec fitted kitchen and en-suite, private rear garden, garage and driveway. It is well placed to take full advantage of local shopping facilities.

BURNTWOOD
£210,000

On the ground floor is a reception hallway, lounge, dining room and fully fitted kitchen. On the top floor are four bedrooms with an en-suite to the master and a family bathroom. The property has double glazing and central heating throughout.

For further information, or to book a viewing to see if this is the ideal next home for you, contact Lovett & Co on 01543 889410.

Well-presented detached family home is located in a cul-de-sac

LITTLE HAYWOOD
£265,000 >>>

Set in a cul-de-sac location, this well-presented three-bedroomed detached home in Hawkesmoor Drive, Little Haywood, is for sale through JR Properties at £265,000.

Its accommodation briefly comprises an entrance hallway, a lounge, a dining room, a fitted kitchen and a utility. There is also a landing to three bedrooms and a re-fitted shower room. Outside is a driveway to a garage and gardens to the front and rear.

In more detail the entrance hall has wooden flooring. The lounge has a cast iron wood burner set into recessed fireplace with a stone hearth, oak laminate flooring, a bow window to the front and patio doors to the garden.

Contact JR Properties on 01889 577731.

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• Lounge Diner • EPC = C

Forest Avenue Cannock

£165,000

• Three Bed Semi Detached • Bathroom & En Suite To Master
• Open Plan Living • Garage & Driveway
• Rear Garden • EPC - TBC

Knighton Road Wimblebury

£199,950

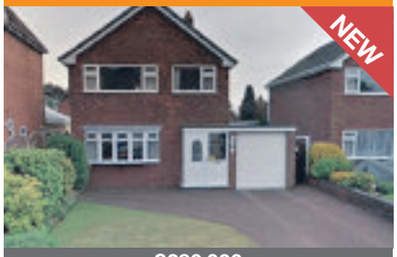
• Three Bedroom Link Detached • Open Plan Kitchen Diner
• Downstairs WC • Garden That Backs On The Playing Fields
• Integral Garage • EPC = TBC

Ardgay Drive Hednesford

£285,000

• Five Bedroom Detached • Guest WC & En Suite To Master
• Fitted Kitchen With Island • Integral Garage & Driveway
• Byfolding Doors To The Rear Garden • EPC = TBC

New Penkridge Road Cannock



£280,000

• Three Bedroom Detached • Kitchen & Sperate Utility
• Shower Room • Driveway & Garage
• Garden To The Rear • EPC = E

Canterbury Way Heath Hayes

£280,000

• Four Bedroom Detached • Family Bathroom and Guest WC
• Garage and Driveway • En Suite to the Master Bedroom
• Cud-de-saq location • EPC = D

Lambourne Way Norton Canes

£325,000

• Four Bedroom Detached • Detached Garage
• Gally Style Landing • Lounge & Study
• Guest WC & En Suit To The Master • EPC = TBC

Colliers Way Huntington

£267,500

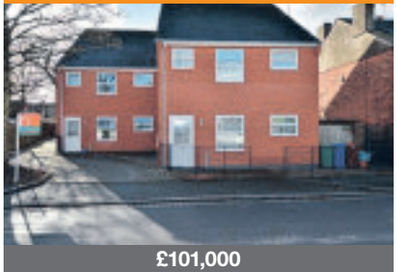
• Five Bedroom Detached • Two En-Suits & Family Bathroom
• Garage & Driveway • Open Plan Klitchen Diner
• Rear Garden • EPC = C

Limepit Lane Huntington

£300,000

• Detached Dormer Bungalow • High Quality Throughout
• 15ft Lounge & Guest WC • Double Bedroom with En Suite
• Two First Floor Double Bedrooms • EPC = C

Union Street Bridgtown



£101,000

• First Floor Maisonette • Spacious 20ft Lounge Diner
• Two Well Proportioned Bedrooms • Ensuite Shower Room
• Must Be Viewed • EPC = B

Stafford Road Cannock

£90,000

• Auction T & C's Apply • Traditional Semi Detached House
• Lounge & Kitchen Diner • Three Bedrooms
• Front & Rear Garden • EPC = E

Lingfield Road Norton Canes

£169,995

• Superbly Presented Semi Detached • Lounge & Dining Room
• Guest WC & Ensuite Shower Room • Three Bedrooms
• Detached Garage & Cul De Sac Location • EPC = D

Langholm Drive Heath Hayes

£187,500

• Three Bed Semi-Detached • Garage & Driveway
• South Facing Rear Garden • Downstairs WC
• Open Plan Lounge Diner & Conservatory • EPC = C

St. Johns Road Cannock

£214,995

• Detached Family Home • Impressive Lounge Diner
• Refitted Breakfast Kitchen • Three Bedrooms
• Close To Cannock Town Centre • EPC = E

Lansbury Drive Pye Green

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REDUCED

Rockhouse Drive, Great Haywood

A Four Bedroom Detached Dormer Bungalow

- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Groundfloor Bathroom
- Study & Utility Room
- Verandah & Carport
- Driveway to Front and Enclosed Rear Garden

£254,950

Redmond Close, Rugeley

A Five Bedroom Extended Link-Detached House

- UPVC Double Glazing/Gas central Heating
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Garage & Ample Parking

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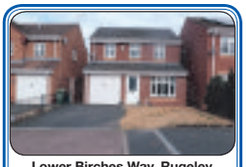

Lower Birches Way, Rugeley

A 3 Bedroom Executive Detached House

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- Ground Floor W.C
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- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen & Utility Room
- Shower Room & Separate W.C
- Gated Off-Road Parking

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Ti-Arwil, Keystone Lane, Rugeley

Trtaditional 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached House

- Part Double Glazed
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen & Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens & Driveway Parking
- Single Car Garage & Outside W.C

£163,000

Windsor Close, Rugeley

A Three Bedroom, Three Storey, Semi-Detached House

- Double Glazed with Gas Central Heating
- Downstairs W.C
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Driveway Parking & Sing Car Garage
- Front & Rear Gardens

£175,000

Avonlea Gardens, Rugeley

A 2 Bedroom Semi-Detached Bungalow

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- Kitchen & Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Driveway Parking & Garage

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PROPERTY

Part-exchange considered for spacious property

Part-exchange is being considered for this deceptively spacious four-bedroomed detached property in Leasowe Close, Great Haywood, for a smaller property in the village.

In need of further upgrade and refurbishment, it is for sale through C Residential at £289,995.

With gas central heating and double glazing it has four bedrooms,

GREAT HAYWOOD

£289,995

a bathroom and a shower room and three reception rooms.

In more detail a porch leads to the reception hall with stairs off and under-stairs storage. The lounge has a feature marble fireplace with an inset gas coal effect fire on a hearth. The dining room has laminate flooring and access to the sitting room with views of the rear garden.

The kitchen has integrated appliances of a fridge-freezer, dishwasher, free-standing cooker and space with plumbing for a washing machine, part tiling to walls and tiled flooring.

Call 01889 583377.

Well-presented detached home situated in a quiet cul-de-sac

CANNOCK

£245,000 >>>

A well presented three-bedroomed detached property in Newbury Road, Cannock, lies in a quiet cul-de-sac location.

Having two en-suites, a through lounge/diner and a playroom/study as well, it is for sale through Webbs at £245,000.

A modern property, it is a very well-presented and deceptively spacious house.

In brief it has an entrance hallway, a guest WC, study/play room, through lounge/diner, kitchen/diner, three bedrooms with bedrooms one and two having en-suite shower rooms and a further family refitted bathroom. Outside is an enclosed rear landscaped garden with a side gate leading to the front. Call 01543 468846.

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£290,000

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£235,000

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- Gardens and off road parking
- Electric heating
- Fully double glazed
- Viewing recommended
- EPC rating F (27)

£225,000 FREEHOLD

FLAT 5 FRANCIS COURT, 21 CECIL STREET, CHADSMOOR

FIRST FLOOR ONE BEDROOMED FLAT
Located In Convenient Position Close to Wide Range of Facilities

- Reception hall
- lounge
- Kitchen area
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Allocated parking space
- Communal grounds
- Electric heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating tbc

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Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac Convenient For Facilities at Hedndesford Town Centre

- Communal hall, stairs and landing
- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed & gas central heating
- Allocated parking
- Ideal for first time buyer or as a buy to let
- EPC rating B (83)

£103,000

51 MANOR AVENUE, CANNOCK

CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED AND EXTENDED THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE OF CHARACTER
Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac
Convenient For Facilities at Cannock Town Centre

- Lounge
- Double glazed conservatory
- Breakfast kitchen
- Side entrance lobby & utility room
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom and separate toilet
- Off road parking and well stocked garden
- Predominatly double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating D (56)

£289,950 FREEHOLD

10 FIELD ROAD, TIPTON

THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In popular Residential Area Convenient For Facilities

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage and gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- Intruder alarm
- EPC rating C (69)

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- Bedroom 4/study
- Three first floor bedrooms
- En-suite shower room and family bathroom
- Private gardens
- Detached garage
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating B (86)

£349,950 FREEHOLD

430 LITTLEWORTH ROAD, HEDNESFORD

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW OCCUPYING SECLUDED POSITION IN PRIVATE DRIVE
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- Side reception hall
- Lounge
- Fitted breakfast kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Possible garage space
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (72)

£164,950 FREEHOLD

43 HUNTSMANS RISE, HUNTINGTON

CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW
Located in Popular Cul-De-Sac with Extensive Panoramic Views Over Sports Field and Farm Land Towards Shropshire and The Wrekin to the Rear

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room and bathroom
- Double glazed conservatory
- Store room and utility room
- Off road parking and gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating D (59)

£184,950 FREEHOLD

24 CROYDON DRIVE, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED EXTENDED THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area Of This Much sought After South Staffordshire Market Village

- Lounge
- Extended dining room
- Fitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Garage
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (69)

£215,000 FREEHOLD

FLAT 5, TEDDESLEY HOUSE, CLAY STREET, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED FIRST FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED APARTMENT
Conveniently Located For Facilities Of The Centre Of The Popular Market Village Of Penkridge

- Communal hall, stairs and landing
- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Bathroom and en-suite shower room
- Two bedrooms
- Allocated parking space
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (80)

£149,950

THE OAKLANDS, 6 KENDERDINE CLOSE, BEDNALL

CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED FIVE BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE ENJOYING VIEWS OVER GREENBELT FARMLAND TO REAR
In Popular Cul-De-Sac On The Edge Of This Much Sought After South Staffordshire Village

- Three reception rooms
- Refitted kitchen and utility
- Double glazed conservatory
- Five bedrooms
- Refitted family bathroom and ensuite shower room
- Detached double width garage
- Landscaped private rear gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed and intruder alarm
- EPC rating C (72)

£599,950

86 PLATT STREET, HEDNESFORD

TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE LOCATED IN POPULAR POSITION
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- Lounge
- Double glazed conservatory
- Kitchen and utility room
- Dining room/possible bedroom 3
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens and off road parking
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating F (34)

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- Family bathroom and ensuite shower room
- Detached double width garage
- Extensive off road parking & well stocked gardens
- Oil fired central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- EPC rating F (37)

£399,950 FREEHOLD

13 BERWICK DRIVE, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
LOCATED IN POPULAR RESIDENTIAL AREA OF THE TOWN
Conveniently Located For Facilities

- Lounge
- Double glazed conservatory
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Shower room and separate toilet
- Gardens
- Off road parking
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (72)

£154,950 FREEHOLD

29 KENT PLACE, HEATH HAYES

SEMI DETACHED ONE BEDROOMED BUNGALOW
Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac Convenient For Facilities at Heath Hayes Centre

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Double glazed conservatory
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Possible garage space/off road parking
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- EPC rating D (64)

£119,950 FREEHOLD

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6 BADGERS WAY, HEATH HAYES

THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Shower room
- Built-on garage
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no pets, DSS or smokers
- EPC rating: D (60)

£600pcm

4 BRADBURY COURT, HEDNESFORD

FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE
located In Private Cul-De-Sac

- Reception hall & cloakroom with WC
- Lounge and dining room
- Breakfast kitchen
- Utility room
- Four bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room & family bathroom
- Integral garage and gardens
- Gas central heating & fully double glazed
- Sorry No smokers, pets or DD
- EPC rating D (59)

£875pcm

11 VICTORIA TERRACE, NORTH STREET, BRIDGTOWN

WELL EQUIPPED SPACIOUS SECOND FLOOR FLAT
Convenient For Transport Links & Local Facilities

- Entrance lobby
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Allocated secure parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (79)

£525pcm

339 LONGFORD ROAD, CANNOCK

TWO BEDROOM BUNGALOW
Located In Sought After Residential Area

- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Two bedrooms
- Shower room
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Garage
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (61)

£625pcm

8 THE CROSSINGS, MILL STREET, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED MID MEWS HOUSE
Built To A High Specification Conveniently Located For Facilities At The Town Centre And Cannock Train Station

- Cloakroom with WC
- Lounge/dining area
- Fitted kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Off road parking
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: B (84)

£600pcm

1 FOUNTAIN COURT, TEDDESLEY PARK, PENKRIDGE

SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION
Situated on the Picturesque Rural Estate of Teddesley Park

- Fitted dining kitchen
- Lounge
- Inner Hall
- Two double bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Communal landscaped gardens
- Oil fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry No pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating C (69)

£615pcm

282 WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL MAINTAINED THREE/FOUR BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Enclosed porch & reception hall
- Lounge
- Dining room/bedroom 4
- Refitted kitchen
- Inner lobby & guest cloakroom with WC
- Three bedrooms & refitted bathroom
- Fully double glazed & gas central heating
- Garden & off road parking
- Sorry No DSS, smokers or pets allowed
- EPC rating D (65)

£650pcm

50 GLADSTONE ROAD, HEATH HAYES

UNDER APPLICATION

WELL PRESENTED TWO BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW

- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Two bedrooms
- Shower room
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Detached garage
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (66)

£695pcm

8 STAG PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK, PENKRIDGE

WELL APPOINTED THREE BEDROOM THREE STOREY BARN CONVERSION
Located On The Picturesque Rural Estate Of Teddesley Park

- Cloakroom with WC
- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Three double bedrooms
- En-suite shower room & family bathroom
- Oil fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Communal parking & grounds
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: C (76)

£775pcm

NO.4 SANDY COURT, 3 SANDY LANE, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED LUXURY TWO BEDROOMED GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT
Located In Much Sought After Development In The Shoal Hill District Of The Town Adjoining Cannock Chase

- Lounge/dining/kitchen area
- Two double bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Luxury bathroom
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Security gated access
- Intruder alarm
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: C (79)

£695pcm

THE LODGE, LOVE LANE PARK HOMES, RUGELEY

EXTREMELY WELL APPOINTED ONE BEDROOM LODGE
Situated In This Well Maintained Park Home Development Convenient For Facilities Locally

- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Sauna
- Electric heating
- Double glazed
- Gardens & decked terrace
- For persons aged 50 & over
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS
- EPC rating: N/A

£500pcm

48 ST JOHNS ROAD, CANNOCK

THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Conveniently Located For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Ground floor WC
- Three double bedrooms
- Refitted family bathroom
- Built-on garage
- Gas central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- Sorry no DSS, pets, smokers or children
- EPC rating: F (35)

£695pcm

15 BURGOYNE STREET, CANNOCK

WELL APPOINTED FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Dining kitchen & utility room
- Ground floor shower room
- Four double bedrooms
- En-suite shower room & family bathroom
- Integral garage
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers, DSS or sharers
- EPC rating: D (66)

£950pcm

3 BROMLEY CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

WELL APPOINTED TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSELocated In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Off road parking
- Sorry no smokers, pets, DSS or sharers
- EPC rating: tbc

£550pcm

1C CANNOCK ROAD, BURNTWOOD

WELL PRESENTED ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT
Convenient For Local Facilities

- Entrance lobby
- Hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (67)

£450pcm

3 PARK STREET, CHESLYN HAY

WELL PRESENTED MID TERRACED HOUSELocated In Popular Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Cellar
- Bathroom
- Three bedrooms
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: D (61)

£625pcm

232 HUNTINGTON TERRACE ROAD, CANNOCK

UNDER APPLICATION

WELL EQUIPPED AND PRESENTED TWO BEDROOM MID MEWS HOUSE

- Cloakroom with WC
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Gardens & off road parking to the rear
- Sorry no pets, smokers, DSS or sharers
- EPC rating: tbc

£595pcm

44 BROOK LANE, GREAT WYRLEY

SPACIOUS THREE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT

- Entrance hall
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Separate WC
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry n pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating C (71)

£495pcm

APARTMENT 4 MANOR COURT, 7A TANHOUSE FARM ROAD, SOLIHULL

WELL EQUIPPED GROUND FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT
Conveniently Located In Much Sought After Residential Area

- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Allocated parking space
- Electric heating
- Fully double glazed
- Communal grounds
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS
- EPC rating: C (73)

£625pcm

56 DARTMOUTH ROAD, CANNOCK

TWO BEDROOMED END MEWS HOUSE
Conveniently Located For Facilities at the Town Centre

- Entrance hall
- Sitting room and living room
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating & all windows are double glazed
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating D (61)

£525 pcm

14 THE FORGE, NORTH STREET, BRIDGTOWN

SPACIOUS NEWLY RENOVATED TWO BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR APARTMENT
Located In Gated Development Convenient For Local Facilities And Transport Links

- Communal hall, stairs & landing
- Copen plan lounge/kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Shower room
- Fully double glazed
- Electric heating
- Allocated parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: tbc

£525pcm

34 CHESTNUT DRIVE, GREAT WYRLEY

EXTENSIVELY REFURBISHED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Cloaksroom with wc
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: E (46)

£695 pcm

9A COPPICE CLOSE, CHESLYN HAY

SPACIOUS TWO BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOW
Situated At Head Of Cul-De-Sac In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Landscaped gardens
- Carport & extensive off road parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (64)

£800pcm

8 WATERSMEAD CLOSE, WIMBLEBURY

WELL MAINTAINED TWO BEDROOMED MID MEWS HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Newly installed kitched
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Gardens
- Parking space
- Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating C (75)

£600 pcm

Mortgage price battle is good news for buyers

A new mortgage war has broken out. Vicky Shaw discusses how homeowners and new buyers can make the most of it.

A new mortgage war has erupted in recent weeks.

Nationwide Building Society, Santander, HSBC, Halifax, Yorkshire Building Society and Tesco Bank are among a wave of lenders to have revamped their ranges.

Some lenders are offering their lowest rates ever in the battle to offer appealing deals.

● So what's behind the new mortgage price war? David Hollingworth, a mortgage expert at L&C Mortgages, says: "Lenders are scrapping it out to attract business, whether it's from those buying their first home, moving house or looking to switch to a better deal.

"More lenders fighting for business means that they need to stand out from the crowd and truly differentiate themselves.

"This, coupled with some easing in cost of funds, is forcing lenders to offer rates that demand attention. As a result, lenders are squeezing whatever they can out of their deals and offering more and more eye-catching rates."

● Will the mortgage price war continue?

Hollingworth says there's nothing to suggest an end in sight to the "very, very healthy" competition that's being seen on the market. By offering great rates, smaller lenders are forcing bigger lenders to spruce up their ranges to maintain their market position, he adds.

● Will rates get any lower? Rachel Springall, a finance expert at Moneyfacts.co.uk, believes some rates could be shaved lower still by lenders if they need to meet specific targets to draw in new customers.

● How can homeowners make the most of what's on offer and choose the right deal? Springall says concentrating on the mortgage rate alone may not be the wisest way to navigate the mortgage maze. "Interest rates are important but so is the incentive package and any fees that are chargeable," she says.

"Some of the lowest-rate deals carry the highest product fees and have little to no incentives, but other deals with slightly higher rates could be fee-free, with a free valuation, and offer free legal fees, which can be much more cost-effective.

"It's worth remembering that this is just the cost of the mortgage itself; if moving, there will be other costs to pay, such as removal costs."

Some borrowers may want to lock into fixed-rate mortgage deals to give themselves certainty while others may want more flexibility.

Low mortgage rates also give borrowers who can afford it the opportunity to make overpayments, and perhaps clear their mortgages earlier, Springall adds.

● Bank of mum and dad continues to play a vital role. Despite the cheaper mortgage rates on offer, new research shows the bank of mum and dad continues to play a vital role in giving a helping hand on to the property ladder. It is predicted the bank of mum and dad will be involved in 26% of all property transactions in the UK market this year.

A lack of choice blamed as agents report dip in house sales

A lack of choice for buyers is hampering the UK housing market with the latest analysis showing that sales are falling and interest is flat.

Overall new instructions continue to drop with the lack of supply, possibly made worse by the forthcoming general election, a key issue for the housing market, according to the April survey report from the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS).

It says that anecdotal evidence cites a lack of choice, uncertainty due to the calling of an early election and the ramifications of stamp duty changes as factors hampering activity and new instructions have now been negative fourteen months in a row at the national level.

This means that the number of properties on estate agents books are hovering close to record lows as 15 per cent more respondents saw new instructions drop in April while new buyer enquiries were unchanged nationally having failed to see any meaningful growth since November 2016.

Stagnant

During April, a net balance of four per cent of respondents saw a fall in new buyer enquiries and alongside stagnant buyer demand, respondents reported agreed sales were beginning to slip slightly following a number of months of flat transactions. Some nine per cent more respondents saw a drop in sales over the month which is the weakest reading since the aftermath of the European Union referendum almost a year ago.

Looking ahead, the flat picture for sales at the national level is expected to continue over the next three months as three per cent more respondents expect to see a rise in sales over the time period. Expectations have moderated in virtually all areas of the UK when compared to the March survey.

However, the 12-month outlook is more optimistic with 31 per cent more respondents anticipating a pick-up in sales over the year ahead at the national level and despite the subdued backdrop, 22 per cent more respondents saw prices rising in April, unchanged from March, underpinned by the lack of stock.

The report points out that house prices continue to rise nationally, with the pace of growth steady over the last five months, although there is variation across the UK.

Looking ahead at the national picture for near term price expectations, these have eased slightly with the net balance moderating to four per cent from 11 per cent, suggesting that house price inflation is anticipated to slow in the three months ahead.

Notwithstanding this, the 12-month expectations predict that all parts of the UK will see growth in house prices.

In the lettings market, the quarterly data shows tenant demand rising moderately, although momentum does appear to have faded over the past six months.

At the same time, landlord instructions were relatively flat leading respondents to expect further modest rental growth at the national level.

"Although the picture clearly does vary across the country, the bulk of the feedback we are receiving points to a fairly flat summer for both activity and prices.

"Lack of stock on the market remains a key challenge for the sector with recent and forthcoming tax changes having a material impact on transaction levels, particularly at higher price points.

"Uncertainty relating to the forthcoming general election is also highlighted by some respondents as a reason for inertia," said Simon Rubinsohn, RICS chief economist.

"It is noticeable that the amount of new rental instructions coming through to agents is continuing to edge lower, which is not altogether surprising given the changing landscape for buy to let investors.

"One consequence of this is that rents are expected to continue rising not just in the near term but also further out and at a faster pace than house prices," he added.

Hike in tax burden sees landlords plan to cut spending

As their tax burden increases, over a third of landlords in the UK are looking to cut their annual spending, a move that is described as being a blow to the wider industry.

Such cut-backs will hit the tradesmen and professionals that support the property industry, according to latest research by Kent Reliance, a specialist mortgage lender and part of OneSavings Bank plc.

But it could also hit lettings agents and the top areas where landlords feel they can make savings are agent fees, property maintenance and mortgage costs.

The firm says that landlords currently contribute £15.9 billion per year to the British economy through pre-tax spending on running their portfolios, supporting thousands of jobs and that this has more than doubled from an estimated £7.1 billion in 2007, owing to the rapid growth of the private rented sector and climbing costs per property.

The cost of property upkeep, maintenance, and servicing is the largest outlay at £5.5 billion while landlords spend £2 billion in service charges and ground rent, £963 million on insurance, £904 million on utilities, and a further £1.1 billion on other associated costs of letting a property.

Spending on letting agents' fees totals £4.7 billion each year with £644 million spent on legal and accountancy fees and £218 million on administration costs. Altogether, landlords provide £5.5 billion of revenue for these sectors.

The research also shows that costs per property have increased by a quarter since 2007. Looking at the running costs per individual property, the average landlord now spends £3,632 per year in running

costs, before tax or mortgage interest, a third of rental income. This has jumped by a quarter since the start of 2007, an estimated rise of £714, without factoring in increasing taxes.

Of this, £1,025 is spent on maintenance, repairs and servicing, with £870 spent on letting agent fees per property. A typical landlord spends £374 per property each year in ground rents and service charges. Insurance typically costs £181, and legal and accountancy fees £121, while administrative and license fees add another £41 per year. A further £652 is lost in void periods each year.

Against the backdrop of rising costs, and higher tax bills, landlords are taking action with 36 per cent of landlords, surveyed by BDRC Continental on behalf of Kent Reliance, saying they are already reducing or planning to reduce their spending, while one in five are looking to raise rents. Some 17 per cent of landlords identified property upkeep and maintenance as a target area for cutting costs, while 10 per cent identified letting agent fees and the same number said mortgage costs. Those landlords anticipate they will reduce spending on letting agent fees by 28 per cent, property maintenance and servicing by 21 per cent and mortgage costs by 15 per cent.

The research report suggests that this will impact the industries and jobs that depend on landlords for revenues. Across the private rented sector, total planned cuts would reduce spending by more than £500 million each year.

"Landlords may seem like an easy target for political point scoring, but they play a vital role in the economy. Not only do they house a huge proportion of the country's workforce, bridging the housing demand and supply gap, their spending supports thousands of jobs whether builders, cleaners, lawyers and accountants or letting agents,2 said John Eastgate, sales and marketing director of OneSavings Bank.

"Trying to tackle the housing crisis by targeting landlords with punitive taxes is very simple and politically highly palatable, but has unintended consequences. Either it means less work for all those who support the property industry, or it means tenants will have to foot the bill for the government's tax raid, or both," he pointed out.

"One side-effect of the recent changes, and rising running costs, will be the professionalisation of the sector as amateur and accidental landlords leave the market. There is nothing wrong with having fewer, bigger landlords, but that alone will not help more young people get homes," he added.

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- Energy Rating G

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- GCH/DG
- Garden
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- Energy Rating C

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- 2 Bed SFF
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- Kitchen with appliances
- GCH/DG
- Allocated Parking

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HOLT CRESCENT, HEATH HAYES

- Two Bed Mid
- Lounge/Diner
- Modern Kitchen
- Modern Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Allocated

£615 pcm

MEADOW HILL DRIVE, CANNOCK

- Three Bed Semi
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, Utility Room
- Bathroom, GCH, DG

£625 pcm

HEDNESFORD STREET, CANNOCK

- Two Bed Duplex
- Open Plan
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Bathroom & Guest WC
- GCH & DG
- Off Road Parking

£625 pcm Inc Council Tax

LANGHOLM DRIVE, HEATH HAYES

- Three Bed Link
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Shower Room
- GCH, DG
- Gardens, Garage
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS OR PETS

£700 pcm

STATION ROAD, HEDNESFORD

- Three Bed Semi
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Driveway
- Large Garden
- Energy Rating E

£700

WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CANNOCK

- COMMERCIAL
- Town Centre
- 1st Floor Suite
- Five Offices
- Kitchen Facilities
- Toilet Facilities
- Gas Central Heating

£700 pcm

PENDLE HILL, HEDNESFORD

- FULLY RENOVATED
- Three Bed Semi
- Lounge, Kitchen/ Diner
- Bathroom, GCH, DG
- Driveway & Garage
- EPC Pending
- NO DSS OR PETS

£775 pcm

WORDSWORTH CLOSE, ARMITAGE

- Three Bed Detached
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen, Conservatory
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- GCH, DG, Garage
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS OR PETS

£825 pcm

HEDNESFORD ROAD, CANNOCK

- A Well Presented Mid Terrace House
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen, Ground Floor
- Bathroom
- Three Bedrooms
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Parking At Rear
- Town Centre Location

Fixed Price £100,000

MEADOWBROOK CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

- A modern well presented ground floor apartment
- GCH & D/G
- Open plan lounge & Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- En-suite & bathroom
- Allocated parking & communal gardens
- NO CHAIN

£109,950

HUNTINGTON TERRACE ROAD, CANNOCK

- A Spacious Semi Detached House
- Two Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Parking at Rear
- Gardens

£125,000 No Chain

MOSS GREEN, RUGELEY

- A very well presented three bedroom mid terraced house
- GCH & D/G
- Entrance Hall, Spacious Kitchen/Diner
- Family Lounge
- Three Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens, Garage in Seperate Block

OIRO £125,000

PEBBLE MILL COURT, CANNOCK

VIEWING ESSENTIAL

- Well Presented Ground Floor Flat
- Spacious Lounge
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Shower Room
- Parking & Garage
- Communal Gardens
- Ideal Location

£145,000

MOUNT STREET, HEDNESFORD

- A Spacious Semi Det House
- Hall / Guest WC
- Family Lounge
- Kitchen
- Dining Room
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Large Gardens / Ample ORP

£159,950

EAST STREET, BRIDGTOWN

- A Modern Well Presented Three Bedroom Detached House
- Entrance House, Spacious Family Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen Diner, Guest WC
- Three Bedrooms
- En-Suite & Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden & Parking at Rear

£160,000

TEDDESLEY WAY, HUNTINGTON

- An extremely well presented three bedroom semi detached house
- Entrance Hall, Fitted Kitchen
- Spacious Lounge/ Diner
- Three Bedrooms
- En-Suite & Family Bathroom
- Integral Garage & Driveway
- Front & Delightful Rear Gardens

£164,950

ELIZABETHAN WAY, RUGELEY

- A Modern Three Storey End Terraced House
- Guest WC, Kitchen
- Spacious Lounge, Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom, Shower Room
- Garage & Driveway
- Front & Rear Gardens
- No Chain

£165,000

PYE GREEN ROAD, CANNOCK

- Extended and Much Improved Bungalow
- Reception Hall & Family Lounge
- Re-Fitted Kitchen, Utility
- Area
- Impressive Conservatory
- Two Double Bedrooms, Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Driveway & Gardens

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HUNTINGTON TERRACE ROAD, CANNOCK

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- Family Bathroom
- Well Stocked Rear Garden With Open Views
- Driveway & Garage

OIRO £199,950

HILLSIDE CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

- Spacious Semi Detached
- Lounge & Conservatory
- Kitchen & Family Room
- Ground Floor Bedroom/Ensuite Shower
- Four Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Master with Dressing Room/Study
- Driveway & Rear Garden

£199,995

ST GEORGE DRIVE, RAWNSLEY

- A Delightful Well Presented Detached Family Home
- Entrance Porch/Hallway
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen & Utility & Guest WC
- Master Bedroom with Ensuite
- Three Further Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Gardens, Driveway & Garage

£220,000

KNIGHTON ROAD, WIMBLEBURY

- A Well Presented Link Detached House
- Lounge. Dining Room
- Extended Kitchen, Four Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Family Bathroom
- Garage & Driveway
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Open Aspect to Side & Rear
- No Upward Chain

£225,000

OLD HEDNESFORD ROAD, CANNOCK

VIEWING IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

- A Fully Refurbished Detached Family Residence.
- Reception Hall, Guest WC, Lounge
- Impressive Kitchen/Diner, Utility
- Spacious Master Bedroom with En-Suite
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A modern ground floor apartment within walking distance to local amenities. Ideally located for local bus routes and offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen. Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. En-suite to Master Bedroom. Security Entrance System. Allocated Parking. EPC RATING - C

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A well presented modern three storey family home benefitting from a beautiful canal side location. Gas central heated and Double-Glazed. Through Hallway, Kitchen, Lounge/Diner and W.C. First Floor Landing with Two Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Second Floor Landing with Two Bedrooms and Ensuite to Master. Two allocated parking spaces. EPC RATING - C

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£235,000

BRIDGEWATER PLACE
RUGELEY

UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Entrance Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Conservatory, Dining Room and Breakfast Kitchen with Utility Area. First Floor Landing with Four Bedrooms one having En-suite Shower Room and Family Bathroom. SINGLE GARAGE. Gardens to front and rear. VIEWING ESSENTIAL. EPC rating D

£275,000

EATON DRIVE
RUGELEY

A well presented executive detached located within walking distance to the town centre. UPVC double-glazed and Gas centrally heated. Reception Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory, Breakfast Kitchen, Utility Room. First Floor landing with Four Bedrooms, Ensuite and Family Bathroom. Double-Garage. Good sized gardens. EPC RATING C

£310,000

ADMASTON, RUGELEY

Offering spacious accommodation throughout this delightfully converted mews house is unusual in its design as it is set out with the bedrooms to the ground floor enabling the owners to appreciate the far reaching views over the open countryside from the first floor reception rooms. EPC RATING - C

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MERRIFIELD HOUSE, HENLEY GRANGE
ETCHINGHILL

Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Dining Room, Kitchen, Inner Hallway, Utility room, Lounge, Conservatory and Study. First Floor Landing, Master Bedroom having a Dressing Room and Ensuite, Four Further Bedrooms, One with Ensuite and One with door to the Family Bathroom. Integral Double Garage with Parking and Gardens to the Front and Rear. Viewing is highly recommended. EPC Rating D

£485,000

ETCHINGHILL, RUGELEY

Large Reception Hall, Guest Cloakroom, Study, Lounge, Dining Room, Breakfast Kitchen with Orangery, Utility Room. Minstrel Galleried Landing, Four Double Bedrooms, Two En-suite Shower Rooms plus refurbished Family Bathroom. Positioned on a large plot with ample driveway leading to a LARGER THAN AVERAGE DOUBLE GARAGE. EPC Rating D

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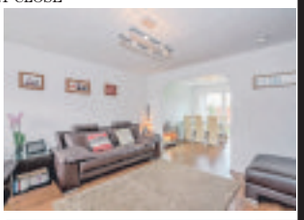

- Detached House
- Entrance Hallway
- Guest WC,
- Study/play room
- Through Lounge Diner
- Kitchen Diner
- Three Bedroom
- 2 En-Suites
- Refitted Bathroom
- Landscaped Garden

Offers In the region of £245,000

NEW

CHASEWATER GRANGE
ASH CLOSE

- 8 YRS NHBC
- Detached Family Home
- Hallway, Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Guests WC
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- En-Suite

£205,000

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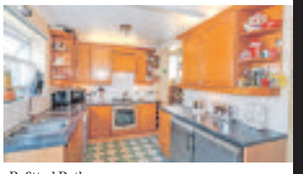
SOUTH CLOSE

- Detached Bungalow
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage
- Driveway

£269,995

NEW

CANNOCK
WALHOUSE STREET

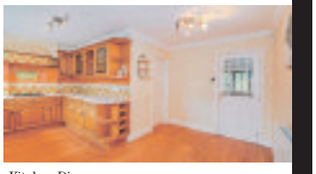


- Entrance Hallway,
- Lounge, Dining Room,
- Kitchen,
- Four Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom,
- En-Suite
- Enclosed Rear Garden,
- Detached Double Garage

£220,000

NEW

NORTON CANES
MERECROFT



- Detched House
- Entrance Hallway,
- Lounge
- Conservatory.
- Kitchen Diner,
- Utility, Guest WC.
- Four Bedroom
- En-Suite Shower Room.

£280,000

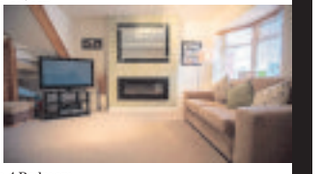
NEW

CANNOCK
OXFORD ROAD

- Ground Floor Flat
- Hall
- Spacious Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Viewing Recommended

£93,000

CANNOCK
SUNFIELD ROAD



- Stunning Home
- Hallway, WC
- Lounge/diner
- Refitted kitchen
- 4 Bedroom
- Refitted Bathroom
- Dressing room
- Gardens, Drive

£375,000

CHESLYN HAY
PARK STREET

- Character Cottage
- Extended to Rear
- Lounge, Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Village Location

£122,500

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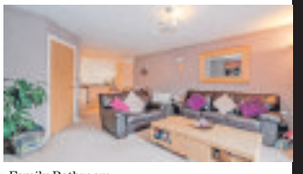
WELLINGTON DRIVE

- Detached Bunglow
- Sought After Location
- Hallway, Kitchen
- Lounge, Study
- 2/3 Bedrooms
- Garage
- Landscaped Garden
- Driveway

£259,950

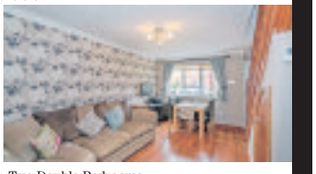
HEATH HAYES
THE HEATH



- Modern Apartment
- Secure Gated Access
- Through Hallway
- Open Plan lounge and kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- 2 Bedrooms
- Allocated Parking
- NO CHAIN

£115,000

NORTON CANES
CHEQUERS COURT



- Semi Detached
- Entrance Porch,
- Spacious Lounge Diner
- Kitchen Diner.
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Refitted Family Bathroom,
- Rear Garden
- Driveway

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- Garage — C

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- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Integral Double Garage — C

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- Fabulous detached residence — 3
- Sought after village location — 1
- Immaculately presented interiors
- Viewing highly recommended — E

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- Superb semi-detached house — 3
- Rural village location — 2
- Countryside views
- Immaculate fitted kitchen — E

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- Detached Residence — 3
- En-Suite To Master Bedroom — 2
- Refitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Garage — C

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CHESLYN HAY, KESTREL WAY

- Extended Link Detached House — 3
- Sought After Location — 1
- Viewing Highly Recommended
- Beautiful Gardens

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GREAT WYRLEY, SUNBEAM DRIVE

- Link Detached Bungalow — 3
- Sought After Location — 1
- Viewing Highly Recommended
- Off Road Parking — C

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NORTON CANES, CHURCH ROAD

- Extended Link Detached House — 3
- Close To Local Amenities — 1
- Tandem Length Garage
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CANNOCK, HAREBELL CLOSE

- Extended Semi-Detached House — 3
- Lounge/Diner — 1
- Extended Kitchen
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CHESLYN HAY,WESTBOURNE AVE

- Semi-Detached Residence — 3
- Sought After Location — 1
- Refitted Kitchen
- No Upward Chain — D

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BURNTWOOD, COULSON CLOSE

- Semi-detached House — 2
- Double Bedrooms — 1
- Refitted Kitchen
- Rural Views To Front — C

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- Refitted Kitchen & Shower Room — 1
- Off Road Parking

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Waterbrook Way, Bridgtown
£124,950

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this two bedroom mid-terraced property located in Bridgtown. The property comprises of entrance hall, lounge, kitchen / diner, two bedrooms, bathroom, rear garden and two allocated parking spaces. Energy rating: D.

Wolverhampton Road, Cannock
£129,950

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom semi-detached property located in Cannock, close to the town centre. The property briefly comprises of lounge, dining room, kitchen, cloakroom, downstairs bathroom, three bedrooms and rear garden. Energy rating: D.

Mosswood Street, Cannock
£140,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom semi-detached property located in Cannock. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, pantry cupboard, downstairs bathroom, boiler/utility room, three bedrooms and externally to the front a driveway providing off road parking, shared access to the side and to the rear there are entertaining patio areas and a separate lawn. Energy rating: E.

Keats Avenue, Cannock
£154,950

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this two bedroom semi-detahced property located in Cannock. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, lounge, kitchen / breakfast area, rear hall, work room / storage, inner hall, downstairs bathroom, family room, two bedrooms, loft storage area and garage. Energy rating: awaited.

Grange Crescent, Penkridge
Offers Over £160,000

A well proportioned semi detached family home located within the popular market town of Penkridge. The accommodation in brief comprises entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen/diner, utility room. On the first floor there are three bedrooms and a bathroom. The property benefits from a detached garage and a block paved driveway for multiple cars, as well as a landscaped front garden and a pleasant rear garden. Energy Rating:- awaited

Lakeside Boulevard, Cannock
£160,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom mid-terraced house located in Cannock. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, downstairs wc, lounge, modern fitted kitchen/ diner, three bedrooms all of a good size, modern fitted bathroom and to the rear there is a garden, separate garage and a parking space. Energy rating: B.

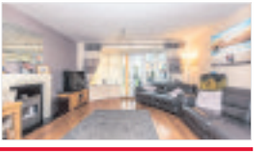
Littleworth Road, Hednesford
£210,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom detached house located in Hednesford. The property briefly comprises of entrance porch, hall, living room, kitchen/diner, utility room/ downstairs WC, three bedrooms, bathroom and garage. Energy rating: E.

Pye Green Road, Cannock
£215,000

This extended and spacious detached bungalow offers flexible accommodation. The property is located close to Cannock Chase and the market town of Cannock and also commuter links of M6 Toll, M6 and M54. The bungalow, offers entrance hall, lounge/ diner, open plan kitchen/ sunroom, 3 bedrooms, en suite and bathroom. Outside to the front there is a block paved driveway for several cars, flower borders and a garage and low maintenance gardens to the rear. Energy rating: E

Comfrey Close, Huntington
£220,000



Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this four bedroom semi-detached house located in Huntington near to schools, shops and transport links. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, downstairs wc, modern fitted kitchen, family lounge, four bedrooms all of a good size and the master having en-suite, modern fitted bathroom, driveway providing off road parking as well as an additional graveled driveway for further parking and garage. Energy rating: C

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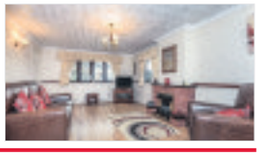
DETACHED BUNGALOW, Nelson Drive
£220,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom detached bungalow located in Wimblebury, Cannock. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms with a third possible bedroom or dining room, bathroom and driveway providing off road parking. Energy rating: D.

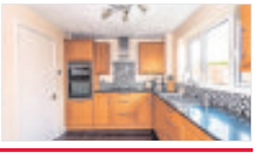


Francis Close, Penkridge
£245,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom semi-detached property located in Penkridge. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, dining room, lounge, kitchen / diner, downstairs shower room, utility room, three bedrooms, bathroom, loft room with en-suite and driveway providing off road parking. Energy rating: awaited.

Marigold Close, Heath Hayes
£260,000

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this 4 bedroom semi-detached property located in Heath Hayes. The property comprises of entrance hall, downstairs WC, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, four bedrooms - master having en-suite, bathroom and garage. Energy rating: awaited.



Mount Street, Hednesford
£269,950

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom detached corner-plot bungalow located in Hednesford with walking distance to primary and secondary schools, large variety of shops within the local town and transport links including Hednesford train station. The property briefly comprises of entrance porch, hall, lounge, kitchen, conservatory, three bedrooms - master having en-suite, bathroom, driveway providing off road parking, summer house housing hot tub and garage. Energy rating: C.

Armitage Road, Rugeley
£285,000

Connells Estate Agents are extremely please to present this simply stunning and characterful home in the town of Rugeley having been sympathically upgraded throughout to keep plenty of period features and also incorporate a good modern style, this family home has to be viewed. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, lounge, sitting room, dining area, kitchen, utility / cloakroom, four bedrooms - one with en-suite and off road parking. Energy rating: E.

Keys Close, Hednesford
£289,950

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this four bedroom detached property located in Hednesford. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, downstairs WC, lounge, dining room, kitchen/ diner, utility room, conservatory, four double bedrooms - master having en-suite, bathroom, driveway providing off road parking, front and rear lawn areas and garage. Energy rating: E.

Claygate Road, CANNOCK
£279,950

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this four bedroom detached house located in Cannock with views over Hednesford Hills. The property comprises of entrance porch, hall, lounge, study, dining room, kitchen, reception room, four bedrooms - master with en-suite, bathroom, off road parking and large wooden shed. Energy rating: E.

The Meadows, Wedges Mills
£360,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this five bedroom detached property located in Wedges Mills. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, downstairs wc, lounge, kitchen / diner, conservatory, five bedrooms with two bedrooms having en-suite, bathroom and shower room. Energy rating: C.

Orchard Court, Hill Ridware
£449,950

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom barn conversion located in Rugeley. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, downstairs wc, kitchen / diner, utility room, three bedrooms - two having en-suite and one having a dressing area, bathroom and garage. Energy rating: C.

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Well presented four bedroom detached house / Good sized corner plot down a quiet cul-de-sac / Superb open plan lounge-diner ideal for entertaining / Modern fitted breakfast kitchen

£280,000

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Four bedroom detached family home / Large plot with a segregated rear courtyard / Modern fitted dining kitchen with a high specification finish

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Colliers Way
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HEATH HAYES

Well presented four bedroom detached house / Large plot at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac / Private South facing rear garden / Spacious lounge & open plan L shaped dining kitchen

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Well presented three bedroom detached house / Peaceful village location / Spacious open plan lounge-diner with a superb Inglenook fireplace

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Green Meadows
HEATH HAYES

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Grouse Way
HEATH HAYES

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NORTON CANES

Three bedroom detached house / Spacious reception rooms & bedrooms / Open plan dining kitchen / Two en-suites plus a family bathroom / Good sized private rear garden

Offers in Excess of £230,000

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Three bedroom semi detached house / Quiet cul-de-sac / Short walk away from Chasewater / Spacious living and sleeping accommodation / Open plan kitchen-diner

£190,000

Holly Lane
GREAT WYRLEY

Well presented three bedroom family home / Spacious dining-kitchen / Modern conservatory with under floor heating / Good sized bedrooms / Private rear garden / Driveway with parking for three

Offers in Excess of £180,000

Strauss Drive
HEATH HAYES

Well presented three storey town house/ NO ONWARD CHAIN / Spacious living & sleeping accommodation / Modern fitted kitchen & bathroom / Victorian conservatory / Private rear garden / Driveway,

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Three bedroom semi detached house / Modern fitted open plan breakfast kitchen / Two further reception rooms / Low maintenance private rear garden.

£150,000

Pine View
RUGELEY

Three bedroom semi detached house / Entrance porch / Open plan kitchen-diner / Shared driveway with access to rear garage / Parking space / Lawn offering further parking

Offers in Excess of £140,000

Chapel Street
HEATH HAYES

Semi detached character property / Large rear garden ideal for entertaining / Modern breakfast kitchen and bathroom / Two double bedrooms with w/c to the master

£140,000

Station Street
CHESLYN HAY

Two bedroom end terraced house / Two spacious reception rooms / Modern fitted shower room / Good sized & charming private rear garden / Cellar

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Offers in Excess of £130,000

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Well presented two bedroom semi detached house / Undergone some refurbishment-renovation / Spacious lounge / Modern fitted kitchen & shower room / Two double bedrooms & private rear garden

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Modern sought after development / Modern fitted kitchen & bathroom / Two double bedrooms / Spacious lounge-diner / Off road allocated parking

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CANNOCK

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Style and full of technology

By Sharon Walters

It's a tough old world out in the very busy and competitive SUV marketplace.

There are many SUVs to tempt the buyer, so how do you make a decision?

It could be that you look for quality, price, running costs and perhaps the accolades received. In which case Peugeot's 3008 SUV could very well fit the shopping list.

Taking the latter first, the 3008 SUV has a bagful of awards including: 2017 Car of the Year at the Geneva Motor Show, Carbuyer Car of the Year 2017 and Crossover of the Year 2017 in Fleet World Honours. It also won a prestigious technology award – the Technology Award at the What Car? Car of the Year Awards 2017 for it's unique Peugeot i-Cockpit® driving environment which plays a big part in the pleasure of driving the 3008.

This second generation of Peugeot's i-Cockpit®, which is standard across all models of the new 3008 SUV range, won praise for its ability to put the latest technology safely at the fingertips of the driver, while creating an optimal driving position for an engaging and focused drive.

And it sure did in my week of taking it out on the roads.

This latest evolution includes an all-new infotainment system on an 8.0" high-resolution touch screen, as well as an elevated configurable 12.3" head-up digital instrument panel set above a compact multi-function steering wheel.

The cabin is high quality

I particularly liked the digital instrument screen that displays your speed, navigation, phone and audio information. And it is all of the highest quality with a premium feel. The whole technology package was, until this latest 3008, only found on higher-end models or as an expensive option.

The rest of the cabin is high quality as well and very well-designed – as is the outside. Plus you get a big boot and that interior is very spacious. The driving position is excellent too, with supportive seats, which on my test car the GT also feature a relaxing massaging function, that was very welcome on a very long trip I did which featured an hour-long hold-up on the motorway.

The range starts from £21,795 with a well-specified 'Active' model that has so many standard features,with a host of safety equipment including; AEBS – Automatic Emergency Braking System, adaptive driver and front passenger airbags (includes passenger airbag deactivation function), driver and front passenger side, front and rear curtain airbags, CDS – Dynamic Stability Control and ASR – Electronic Anti-skid System, driver attention alert system, Isofix child seat fittings (x3) in the front passenger and outer rear seats, programmable cruise control and speed limiter, and speed limit recognition and recommendation.

Peugeot's 3008 could well fit the shopping list if you're in the market for an SUV

All that resulted in a 5-star EuroNCAP safety rating.

There is a choice of four trim levels – 'Active', 'Allure' (expected best-selling version), 'GT Line' and the top-of-the-range 'GT' and a wide choice of engines is available.

My test car was the GT 2.0 litre BlueHDi 180 turbo-diesel. Despite all that potential performance the car still manages close to the official figure of 58.9mpg in a combined cycle. A figure of 124g/km emissions results in just £143 a month in latest company car tax which started last month. This range topper gets all the standard equipment mentioned so far and so much extra kit with leather heated and those massaging seats, dual-zone climate control, rear parking sensors, rear screen, cruise control, the 3D Tom Tom-based navigation system, plus Apple Carplay and Android Auto compatibility. And the price is £32,995 which compared to others in the segment seems pretty good to me.

The Peugeot 3008 SUV is stylish, well-equipped, a technology treasure chest and a good drive. Test drive anyone?

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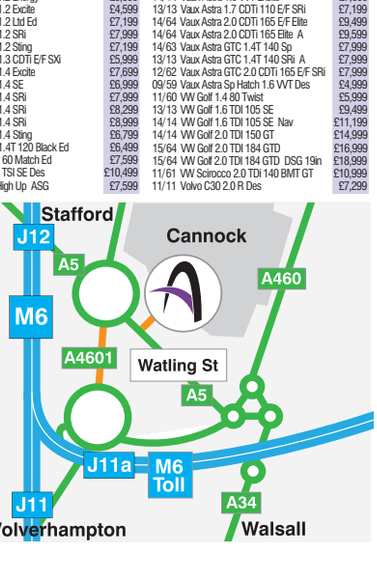

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First attempt at SUV market nails it

By Jack Evans

This is a huge car for Skoda. Tapping into the ever-flourishing SUV market, the Kodiaq aims to give consumers a large, spacious and comfortable vehicle – but for a much lower price than those found with more premium rivals.

Equipped with one of three engines – a 1.4-litre petrol, 2.0-litre petrol or 2.0-litre diesel – the Kodiaq is aiming squarely at larger families who still want to keep running costs low. That means that even base-specification cars get a huge amount of standard equipment, while buyers of higher-grade models won't feel short-changed either, given the increase in the amount of tech on pricier versions.

This is a completely new segment for Skoda, and shows a lot of intent from the Czech brand. Well-known now for making reliable and well-priced cars, the Kodiaq comes as an extension of that ethos. With the decline of MPV and rise of SUV, the Kodiaq is a natural progression for the company – but it has to get it right first time if it hopes to succeed.

We think that Skoda has hit the nail on the head with the Kodiaq. It looks purposeful enough, but not too intimidating. The brand is doing well to shake off its "boring" image that was associated with it for many years, with the Kodiaq helping this endeavour. Even base-specification cars ride on 17-inch alloy wheels, while top-of-the-range "Edition" cars are fitted with large 19-inchers. Everything about the car feels solid and well put together – though there's no mistaking that the Kodiaq is a Volkswagen group car, with plenty of tech included that we've seen on other cars.

Kodiaq does well for family space

If you're looking to transport a large family, then space is essential. Thankfully, this is where the Kodiaq does exceptionally well. The five-seat car affords its users a colossal 2,065 litres of boot space with the rear seats folded flat – the largest load area in the class. The boot's lip isn't too high either, which makes loading larger items in and out a little easier, while the completely flat bed with the seats lowered adds to the excellent usability of the boot. For those looking to take two more people, there's the seven-seat version, giving another string to the Kodiaq's already well-strung bow. You're not going to incur much of a penalty in the practicality stakes for picking the seven-seater either, as its seats-flat load area is reduced to a still respectable 2,005 litres – which isn't bad at all. However, with that final row raised the boot space is somewhat tight – something worth remembering if you're planning on using the Kodiaq as a seven-seater most of the time.

Skoda is tapping into the flourishing SUV market

The Kodiaq is offered from launch with two petrol engines, a 1.4-litre turbocharged unit producing 123bhp, and a 2.0-litre turbocharged one putting out 178bhp.

There's also a 2.0-litre turbocharged diesel, which produces either 148bhp or 187bhp – the former of which is set to undoubtedly become the best seller.

Of course, the petrol units will suit those looking to drive the Kodiaq mainly around town, though the diesels will be the better option for people who plan on undertaking more miles.

In short, there's a good range of engines that offer something for everyone.

You've also got the option of either a six-speed manual, six-speed DSG or seven-speed DSG gearbox. Of course, four-wheel drive can be specified on all powertrains, though you'll see a slight premium for this option. For example, while the base 1.4-petrol with a manual gearbox and two-wheel drive comes in at £21,495, the four-wheel-drive version – albeit only available in higher grade SE trim – retails for £25,445.

When you first get into the Kodiaq, it can feel a little intimidating. Make no bones about it, it's a big car. However, once you're up and running, these reservations quickly disappear, as it's surprisingly agile through the bends.

In any spec the Kodiaq features a lot of technology, which will be popular with those looking to get a little bit more for their money.

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Top of the tree in the awards, the new Kia Niro

The all-new Niro wins best hybrid in top car awards

By Sharon Walters

Kia has received yet more recognition and won a tightly contested award in this years' Diesel Car and Eco Car Awards, with the all-new Kia Niro hybrid crossover winning best hybrid vehicle and the Kia cee'd and Sportage models coming well within the top 50 cars available in the UK, concluded by the panel of judges of Diesel Car and Eco Car.

The all-new Niro was launched in August 2016 and presents customers with the high efficiency and low running costs of a petrol-electric car with the style, practicality and desirability of a compact crossover. The judges awarded the model with an overall place of 38 and were impressed by the vehicle's efficiency and customer-friendly styling and practicality.

Ian Robertson, editor and publisher of Diesel Car and Eco Car commented: "Some hybrids have often come under fire for being awkwardly styled, but not so the Kia Niro, which embraces the booming crossover trend, but still offers wallet-friendly running costs.

The Kia Sportage came in third overall

"Looking just as stylish as the Sportage SUV, the Niro can return over 70mpg and offer all the space a family should need. It might be high-tech, but its comprehensive seven-year warranty will reassure owners that this family-sized Kia is built to last."

Last years' car of the year for Diesel Car, the Kia Sportage, came in at a very respectable number three overall in the 2017 awards. The vehicle has created huge success for the Kia brand in the UK in the past year and a half, with 2016 sales exceeding 40,000 alone.

"Last year's winner can hold its head high, smashing sales targets for Kia and still being one of the best medium SUVs money can buy. The latest Sportage is the biggest yet, with plenty of space for five people and their luggage. On the road, the 1.7- and 2.0-litre diesel engines are refined, easy to drive and free from body roll in the corners, making it a relaxing place for passengers. That awesome seven-year warranty and an impressive list of standard kit makes the Sportage an even more compelling buy," said Ian Robertson.

Finally, it was the cee'd which also received highly positive recognition from the judges, the model which is now five years old in its current version, came well into the top 50 taking the 40 spot.

It impressed judges with its sharp and handsome looks, generous equipment levels, good road manners, economy and that it's managed to stay competitive even in 2017.

This award win and recognition for Kia in the UK comes at a very successful time for the brand and further bolsters that success. Every month of 2017 has been a new sales record for the business and with an increasing product line upcoming later this year, Kia's new and existing customers are going to be well catered for.

Kia's cee'd also received positive recognition

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Keeping things simple with the new Ford Ka+

Modestly priced runabout that's fun to drive

By Ian Donaldson

New car buyers don't much like middle ground cars these days, heading upwards to a prestige badge or down to the bargain basement.

Which is why a company like Ford – biggest seller of new cars in the UK, remember – is keen to push posh Vignale versions of its Mondeo, Kuga, S-Max and Edge.

But there's profit to be made at the bottom of the pile too, if you can sell a car in sufficient numbers. Ford must be hoping to do just that with the new Ka+.

Sharing only its name with the now defunct city car Ka, the newcomer is much bigger and hides a Fiesta base beneath its modestly bland five-door exterior.

It's expected to pinch some sales from lower priced versions of the Fiesta (there's a new one arriving later in 2017) and is aimed at rivals like the new Vauxhall Viva, also tempting budget motorists who need space in their cars.

Ford keeps things simple with the Ka+; there's one engine (a 1.2 litre petrol unit with two power outputs), two trim levels and a restricted list of options.

Prices start at £9,245 and top out at £11,095 for newly introduced Black or White Editions which have body and roof in those contrasting colours but are otherwise to the same spec as the Zetec trim test car.

That costs £10,545 and comes well equipped for the money, with the more powerful engine (a relative term), along with alloy wheels, air conditioning, cruise control and a DAB radio and Bluetooth.

Built to a price but carefully assembled

Not a lot for what you get, especially as the car is large enough to take four big men in comfort and with a boot easily spacious enough for the weekly shop.

You might want to splash out £150 for a pair of the fastest reacting heated front seats I've ever warmed to and another £100 for a proper spare wheel in place of the can of pressurised gloop that comes as standard.

Unless you like vivid yellow – the only colour that comes as without extra cost – there's at least another £250 to find for metallic paint. The ruby red of the test car costs a daft £745 and rather skewers the point of a budget car, you might think.

Nothing budget-like about the way the car drives, though. Ford has spent time tuning the Indian built Ka+ to European tastes and it feel like it. This is a modestly priced runabout that's actually fun to drive, thanks to alert steering and a willingness to tackle corners.

It takes a bit of time to get to them, needing lots of revs for maximum effect but remains smooth and decently economical (46mpg on test) in the process.

Its eagerness to please the driver was a pleasant surprise and so was an interior that, while obviously built to a price, was carefully assembled with hints of more upmarket style.

The less powerful, 69bhp Ka+ shares identical official economy and emissions figures with the 81bhp version but is a little slower. It also sits in group one for insurance, although the more spritely model's group five won't break the bank.

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Eg (4pm Thursday)

BROWN

Terry

Passed away April 29, 2017, aged 81 years.

My one and only love, we had such happy times together.

Love you always,
miss you forever.
Lynda

X X X

Dad

Dad's nature was loving and giving, Dad's heart was of pure gold.

And to us who truly love him, his memory will never grow old.

See you later, Alligator.

Lots of love Lisa, Lee and Emily.

X X X

Dad

There maybe no beating heart, no blood running through your veins.

No blue eyes to see us today, but butterflies and white feathers I see now,

robins sharing my garden.

You live in my name, spirit and heart. Always. X

Russ, Helen, Jamie and Isobel.

X X X

HIGGINS

Ernest

Passed away peacefully May 1, 2017, aged 94 years.

Locally known as the 'Hurdy Gurdy man' when collecting for Poppy Day whilst playing his organ 'Arnalda'.

Dearly loved by his Family.

He will be sadly missed but we are happy knowing he is reunited with his beloved Wife Edith.

Funeral Service will take place on Monday, May 22, 2017, 11am, at Stafford Crematorium.

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HAMMOND

George

Sadly passed away at home, with his Family, on Wednesday, May 10, 2017, aged 92 years.

A special man, who is very much loved and missed by all his Family and Friends.

The Funeral Service is to be held on Wednesday, May 24, 2017, at 11.30am, at Stafford Crematorium.

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LOCKLEY

Dorothy

(Dot)

nee Wyles

Of Heath Hayes.

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Reunited with her Husband Edward.

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(Molly)

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Angela Elizabeth

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Dr Sisir K

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STREET

Ronald Frederick

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Kathleen Winifred

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TURNER

Mike

Of Cannock.

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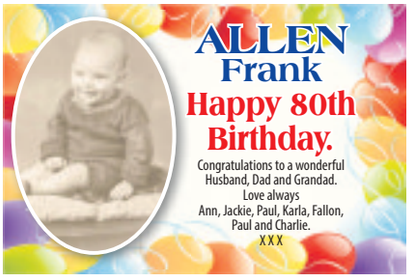

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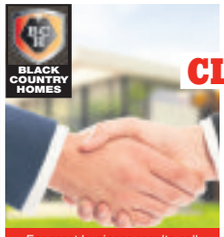

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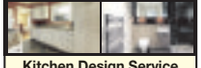
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MALE 45 6ft, blue eyes, dark hair, slim, likes sports, cinema, meals out, seeking loving, caring female to share life with. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 406737**

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Two riders battle it out on one of the corners during the AMCA British Motocross Championship

This competitor leaves a trail on his way round the circuit at Lower Drayton Farm, near Penkridge

CANNOCK rider Luke Burton extended his lead at the top of the AMCA British Motocross Championship with a clean sweep at Lower Drayton Farm.

The defending MX1 champion won all three races as the series visited the course near Penkridge, extending his lead at the top of the standings to 89 points.

Burton, who races for the Husqvarna team on a licence supplied by Cannock Motorcycle Club, was further aided by the mechanical problems which blighted Gary Gibson and Shane Carless, two of his main title rivals. That allowed his Husqvarna team-mate James Dodd to claim second place on the day, with Richard Cannings, another rider who races on a Cannock licence, back in third.

Challenge

More than 800 spectators turned out over the course to watch some of the country's best motocross riders in an event organised by Cannock MCC.

"Everything went according to plan," said club chairman Phil Bailey. "A lot of hard work went in from our members to make the event a success. In addition to the racing we also had a marquee with a live band."

After having two, dry, hard-pack circuits to open the 2017 series, the Lower Drayton surface, with its mixture of soil and high percentage wood chip, provided a whole different challenge to riders.

Yet the races ultimately delivered some very familiar results in the MX1 category, with Burton winning the first after battling past Gibson in the opening laps. Carless moved through the field to take second from Gibson, with Dodd third.

The second and third races were even more emphatic for Burton, who led from start to finish in both. But there was trouble for Carless, who saw his frame break while in fifth spot during race two. Cannings moved up to take third and then went one better with second place in race three behind his fellow Cannock rider.

Kinver Motorcycle Club's Luke Dean has slipped back to second in the MX2 standings. Dean enjoyed a strong start to the day with second place in the opening race but subsequent eighth and fourth-placed finishes in races two and three saw him lose his lead at the top of the standings to Dursley's Josh Waterman.

Teme Valley's Ray Rowson took victory in the opening two races and looked on course for the hat-trick before Waterman, the defending champion, reeled him in over the closing laps of the final contest.

Kinver's Lewis King is third in the overall standings after a consistent day which saw him follow up fifth in the day's opening race with second and third. Warley MCC's Jason Kendrick endured a miserable day in the 2T series, scoring just 68 points to fall from first to fifth in the overall standings.

Dursley's Brad Turner was the man to take advantage, reclaiming top spot thanks to a hat-trick of wins. Cannock's Jordan Saunders was seventh overall on the day.

The trio of James Russell, Simon Lane and Terry House again dominated proceedings in the Vets, with Russell now enjoying a 22-point advantage at the top of the AMCA Championship standings.

Russell resisted pressure from his two main rivals to claim a hat-trick of victories on the day, passing Lane late on in both races two and three. Kinver's Richard Chinn was fifth overall on the day. The farm will next host a Cannock MCC meeting on Sunday, with international events planned for June and July.

SPORTING FEATURE

By Matt Maher

Poundland in Epsom hill sponsorship deal

BUDGET retailer Poundland has announced it will sponsor a section of the Epsom Derby for the next 10 years. The Willenhall-based company has agreed a deal with racecourse bosses which will see the famous hill in the middle of the track rebranded Poundland Hill.

The popular area of the course, which is free to the public and has in years gone by attracted thousands of racegoers, will be known under that moniker at the Investec-sponsored two-day meeting, which takes place on June 2 and 3.

Phil White, who is responsible for Epsom in his role as Jockey Club London regional director, said: "We're looking to build and reinvigorate the hill and having a partner to work alongside us represents a great opportunity.

"The Derby Festival attracts such a wide range of society and that's what makes it unique. It's known as the people's race and the activities and all the people who go on to the hill is one of the reasons for that.

"The hill is unique, and having a high street retailer like Poundland associated with it can only be good for its long-term growth."

Poundland trading director Barry Williams said: "All of Britain loves the Derby. As the people's store, we're looking forward to helping make the people's hill at Epsom one of the best ways to experience the Derby at Epsom."

Golf pairs tee off for final at Belfry

TWO Penn Golf Club pairings have qualified for the national final of the American Golf Senior Championship.

Ken Smith from Sedgley and Steve Banks from Wombourne carded 45 points at the regional qualifying event at their home course and took the honours by a solitary point from fellow Penn duo Gill Meek and Jo Hall.

Both pairs will now join qualifiers from all over the UK and Ireland in front of Sky Sports' cameras at The Belfry, on September 7 and 8. They will compete over two days for the chance to be crowned American Golf Senior Champions and to be in contention for the Tournament of Champions in Mauritius.

Meek, from Kingswinford and Hall from Sedgley are the only female pairing to qualify for the finals.

"Our Championship events have proven incredibly popular over recent years," said Daniel Gathercole, director of marketing and communication at American Golf. "We can't wait to welcome all our qualifiers to the Belfry to have a great time and do battle for the title."

Firm cheques in to offer Strollers help

A MANUFACTURING company has lent its support to Dudley walking football club Hartshill Strollers.

Club member Archie Jones, a sales engineer for Waterfit, part of Thomas Dudley Ltd, handed over a cheque for £250 to club chairman, Mark Grazier.

Archie said: "As a local manufacturing company, Thomas Dudley Ltd. prides itself on being part of the community. By supporting Hartshill Strollers, the firm is showing its commitment to that goal."

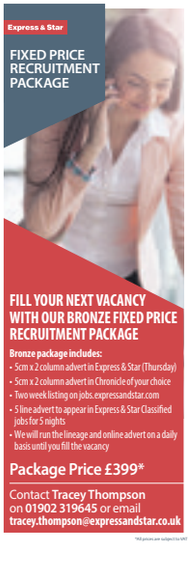
Hartshill Strollers – founded nearly three years ago - play at Summerhill School, Kingswinford.

The club has grown from just four members to more than 50 – aged from 50 to 85.

Thomas Dudley Ltd is known to have been highly impressed with the Strollers' victory in the finals of the Walking Football United Over 60s National Tournament in November 2016 – the sport's equivalent of the FA Cup.

Mark Grazier said: "Hartshill Strollers is almost entirely self-financing. So we are extremely grateful for the generous donation from Thomas Dudley Ltd.

"I hope this will be the start of a continuing association between the club and the company."



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Sport

Motocross rider ensures rivals gone for a Burton

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First stop is Boldmere for pre-season

HEDNESFORD Town will face a mixture of local Midland teams and Football League opposition after confirming their pre-season fixture schedule.

The Pitmen will begin their pre-season campaign with a trip to the Trevor Brown Memorial Ground on Friday, June 30 to take on Boldmere St Michael's.

After further away fixtures against Heath Hayes (Saturday, July 8) and Romulus (July 15), The Pitmen host League Two side Mansfield Town on July 22 – the first Keys Park pre-season fixture – followed by a home match against Tamworth on July 25.

A trip to Chasetown takes place on August 1 before a visit to Merthyr Town on August 5.

For the final game of the pre-season campaign, Hednesford host a Birmingham City XI before the start of the Evo-Stik Northern Premier League season on August 12.

The release of the pre-season fixture list comes as new manager Neil Tooth settles in at Keys Park.

His appointment last week followed the departure of Gary Birch, who left the Pitmen for Walsall Wood the previous week.

Tooth, formerly with Sutton Coldfield Town, says he is 'really looking forward to getting stuck into' his new role.

He will be assisted by Phil Male, first-team coach Andy Ling and player-coach Kris Taylor.

● Chasetown FC supporters are being asked to get involved with a series of tasks during the close season.

A list of more than 20 jobs includes trimming back hedges, strimming, replacing flooring in the toilets, painting concrete posts and washing down advertisement hoardings.

A club spokesman said: "Some of the tasks are regulatory and are needed to be done to allow us to maintain our ground accreditation, others are just to make our ground tidy and acceptable to both our fans and visitors to our ground.

"We would like to see if there are any of our supporters who are able to spare us some time and effort to carry out these tasks. All materials will be supplied and where possible tools will be provided also.

"The tasks do not all have to be done in one go, they can spread them out to suit individual timescales. We understand that this looks a lot of work, but we have around three months to do it, any help will be greatly appreciated."

Hayes part company with boss Hawkins

HEATH HAYES are searching for a new first-team boss after parting company with Jamie Hawkins.

The Coppice Colliery Ground side finished 14th in the Midland League Division One last season under Hawkins's guidance, who also featured as a player.

But the club announced they had decided to part company with Hawkins following a committee meeting.

"We thank Jamie for his hard work and wish him the best for the future," the club posted on Twitter.

Family matters as teams smash it

Players during the cup at Cheslyn Hay

FOURTEEN teams took to the court for the Quorn Family Tennis Cup, held at Cheslyn Hay Tennis Club. This is an LTA event for juniors to play doubles with an adult family member. The matches take place on junior sized tennis courts using balls and rackets designed for children.

The top four teams in the round robin stages contested the semi-finals. Maggie Plant with father Nick and Dan Taylor with father Ash qualified for the final. The final was a keenly contested encounter with some excellent rallies. Maggie and Nick Plant eventually won 10-7 in the final.

Both families will now represent Cheslyn Hay at the Quorn Family Tennis Cup Festival during The Aegon Manchester Trophy, a grass court event before the Wimbledon Championships.

Tennis

Cheslyn Hay Coach James Perrin, who organised the competition, said how pleased he was with the event. "All the players, not just the juniors, thoroughly enjoyed the tennis."

There are new tennis sessions starting in May at Cheslyn Hay Leisure Centre, details at cheslynhaytennis.com. Email cheslynhaytennis@live.com or call Chris on 07969 829318.

BENTON SAVES THE DAY

Penn 1st XI vs Cannock 1st XI

CANNOCK captain Will Fleet won the toss and elected to field first in this difficult encounter away at Penn.

Sandeep Dhillon led the way for the home side with a superb 84 as they posted a total of 261-7 from their 50 overs.

Ed Martin returned the best bowling figures for Cannock with 3-45.

Cannock were soon reduced to 35-3 and looked to be heading for a heavy defeat. A fantastic partnership of 105 between Zak Shingler and Adam Benton brought them back into the game before Shingler was dismissed for 48. Benton continued and brought up an excellent century, his second at first-team level.

The visitors' 17-year-old Joe Tennant survived the final over to ensure a losing draw for Cannock as they finished on 192-9 with Benton batting all the way through the innings for a magnificent 117 not out.

Cannock 2nd XI vs Penn 2nd XI

Cannock were asked to bat first on a difficult wicket and struggled throughout the innings. Their captain, John Cooke, was the top scorer with 27 as the home side slipped to 92 all out.

Hope seemed lost at the innings break but Cooke hadn't given up. He went on to produce a staggering display of medium-pace bowling taking six wickets for two runs in 4.3 overs. The visitors were dismissed for 42 as Cannock won by 50 runs.

Cannock 3rd XI vs Rushall 2nd XI

Ant Wood lost a fourth consecutive toss as Cannock were asked to bat first yet again. Jake Edwards bowled brilliantly for the visitors, taking 6-32 as the home side could only make 102 all out.

Rushall survived a late collapse as they came out on top by two wickets. Dan Simpson was the pick of the bowlers with 4-14.

Coseley 3rd XI vs Cannock 4th XI

The visitors won a crucial toss on a bowler-friendly wicket and elected to field first.

Captain Aaron Saunders led the way with 2-31 as the home side were restricted to 117-8.

Veteran Mark Boden held the run chase together with a steady 43 not out and was well supported by 14-year-old Josh Lewis who scored 31 as Cannock won by five wickets.

Ping pong ding dong to aid club

Getting ready for their table tennis marathon are, front from left, Luke Davison and Leyton Matthews, both aged 12, with, back from left, Jack Handley, 16, Isabel Beastall, 12, Christian Hill, 13, Thomas Harvey, 12, Harry Bayliss-Cox, Reuben Yates, and Dominic Evans, all aged 10

A CLUB which has been keeping children active for more than 40 years is holding a 12-hour table tennis marathon this weekend to raise much needed funds.

Cheslyn Hay Table Tennis club has been running for 43 years, giving hundreds of players an education in the game as well as encouraging youngsters to enjoy the social side of sport.

The club is still going strong, but does need some cash to keep on top of the ever-increasing cost of equipment as membership fluctuates.

To try to get some money together, a 12 hour table tennis marathon will take place at the basement of Salem Church, High Street, Cheslyn Hay on Saturday. The event will double up as an open day as bosses try to recruit new members, but all are welcome.

John Quinn, who has been club secretary for 25 years, said: "We still have a lot of members and remain a very active club but now we have to take a step back and make sure we have some cash so we can carry on in the future.

"We are in a good position but if a table were to break we would be in trouble. We have raised thousands for charity in recent years but now it is time to think about ourselves."

He added: "This is a social sport and we are a club that encourages that side of things. On the other hand, we do take the sport very seriously and have produced some top players."

Hawks sent tumbling in shock defeat

WOLVERHAMPTON were beaten by Shrewsbury in the Birmingham League Cricket Premier Division, despite an innings of 62 from Worcestershire's Tom Fell and 63 from Zen Malik in a total of 252-7.

Berkswell, champions in 2016, are now the only unbeaten side in the Premier Division. They dismissed previously undefeated West Bromwich Dartmouth for 143 and won by three wickets.

Walsall lost their 100 per cent record with defeat to Ombersley. The hosts were all out for 157 at the Gorway and lost by seven wickets.

Smethwick eased an eight-wicket victory over Moseley, with Waqar Saleem (98 not out), Sunny Singh (52) and Vikram Sodhi (44 not out) surpassing their 222 target.

Himley enjoyed a six-wicket success over Leamington, for whom former England One Day International Neil Smith made 22 in a total of 146. A third wicket partnership of 88 between Chris Boroughs (48) and Nipun Karunanayake (46) set up Himley.

Fordhouses' seven wicket win at Halesowen sees them joint top of the Division Two. Halesowen remain at the foot of the table.

Former Walsall all-rounder David Powles took 5-32 and Zimbabwe's Tendai Chisoro claimed 3-20 as Halesowen collapsed to 105 all out at Seth Somers Park with Tom Williams top scoring with 29.

Harborne piled up 305-6 against Penkridge who were dismissed for 195 in reply.Rana Hassan (79) was the only Penkridge batsman to shine as occasional bowler Randhawa took 5-13.

Old Hill upset the formbook with a 131-run win at C&R Hawks. The Black Country outfit reached 213-8 and skittled out C&R Hawks for just 82.

Wombourne's four wicket win ended Coventry & NW's unbeaten start.

At the top of Division Three, Stourbridge have three wins from three after defeating Brewood by two wickets.

Club kicks off plea for new recruits

A CHILDREN'S football team are appealing for new players ahead of the 2017/18 season.

FC Newlands Nighthawks u-12s train in Heath Hayes and are on the lookout for a goalkeeper and outfield players.

The team play in the Walsall League and are trained by FA qualified coaches.

Anyone interested in joining the team should call 07943097456 or go to www.fcnewlands.co.uk

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